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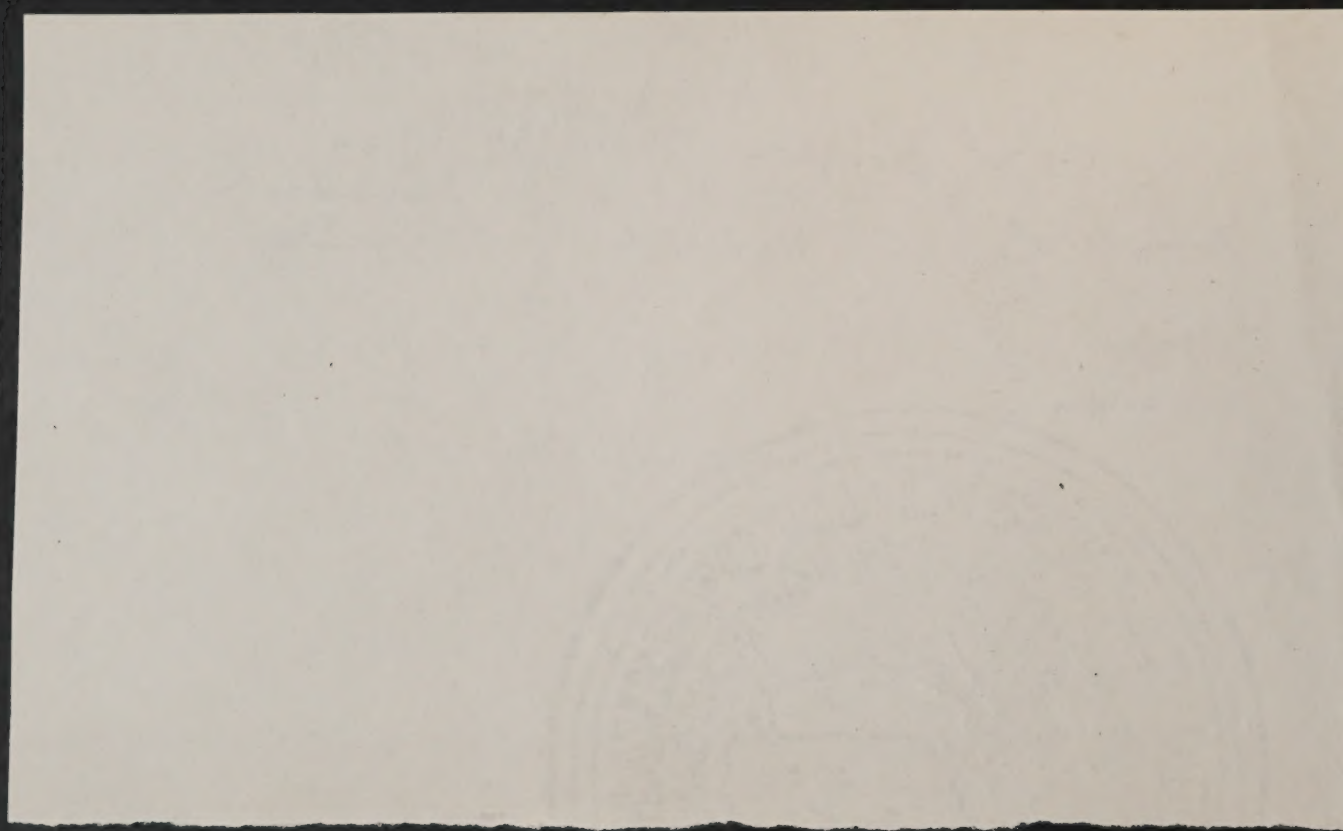
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1894 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
8mo 23 8th mo. 23. 1894.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are  
Bessie T. Wing, and Ruth L. Smith, from Long Plain, Adelaide  
V. Wilbur and Sophronia Gegatt who are all present.

The committee appointed to revise the list of Associate  
members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight present  
their report viz, *a. b. c. d. e. f. g. h. i. j. k. l. m. n. o. p. q. r. s. t. u. v. w. x. y. z.*

"To the Monthly Meeting

The committee appointed to revise the list of  
Associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and  
Oversight, have conferred together and are united  
in proposing the following names, viz,

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| William H. Gardner  | Charlotte E. Gardner |
| Gideon Wood         | Esther D. Macomber   |
| Sophronia Gegatt    | Phebe B. Slocum      |
| Phebe S. Delano     | Adeline S. Nye       |
| Alice R. Howland    | Bessie T. Wing       |
| and George R. Wood. |                      |

Appended is the list of the Overseers who are con-  
stituted members of that meeting, viz:

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| Edward T. Tucker   | Joshua L. Macomber |
| Thomas H. Hafford  | Benjamin H. Kirby  |
| A. Herry Wilbur    | Susan M. Seabury   |
| Mary Hafford       | Adelaide V. Wilbur |
| Mary C. Baylies    | Sarah E. Wright    |
| Rebecca S. Howland | Cynthia A. Kirby   |
| John Wood          | Mary S. Wood       |
| Betsy B. Luce.     |                    |

8mo 23. 1894 For the { John B. Baylies  
Committee Anna G. Wood "

which is accepted by this and the mens' meeting.

The clerk is directed to inform Sarah E.  
Shade of the action of this meeting in her case.

An excellent epistle from London Yearly  
Meeting of Women Friends has been read at this time.

The business of the meeting being accom-  
plished we conclude.

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.



1894

Nov 27

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends  
held 9<sup>th</sup> mo. 27. 1894

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting  
are Sarah D. Holmes and Mary Emma Hordland, from  
Long Plain, Charlotte E. Gardner and Alice R. Hordland  
who are present.

The queries have been read and considered  
We appoint the following friends our representatives  
to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, viz: Adelaide V. Wilbur,  
Phebe B. Storum, Sophronia Legatt, Abbie Wood,  
Angeline Ricketson, Anna G. Wood and Mary E. Baylies.

Removal certificate  
of Benj. R. Atkin.

We unite with new friends in accepting a removal  
Certificate from ~~Long Plain~~ Monthly Meeting, on behalf of  
Benjamin R. Atkin.

Elders.

The committee having an extension of time granted  
them for the consideration of other names of friends  
suitable to occupy the station of Elders, report that  
they are united in proposing the names of Thomas F.  
and Mary Hafford, which are accepted by this  
and the mens meeting, and are to be forwarded to  
the Quarterly Meeting for its approval.

Release from  
membership of  
Sarah E. Slade

The clerk reports that she has informed  
Sarah E. Slade of her release from membership  
with this religious society, and of our interest  
in her future welfare.

The business of the meeting being finished we  
conclude -

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk -

10 mo 25

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends  
held 10<sup>th</sup> mo 25<sup>th</sup> 1894

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative  
Meeting are Mary E. Baylies and Ruth L. Smith,  
from Long Plain, Abbie Wood and Harriet L. Davis,  
who are present except two: for the absence of one a  
suitable reason has been given

Our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting  
report that they were all in attendance.

Lincoln W. Luther and his wife Lizzie  
Mr. Luther having removed from within the  
compass of this Monthly Meeting, we appoint  
Esther D. Macomber and Adelaide V. Wilbur  
to unite with new friends in preparing a  
suitable certificate on their behalf.



1894. An excellent assistle from our beloved sisters of Justice  
Daily meeting has been acceptably read at this time  
Concern A concern having arisen in this meeting for the  
for young accompaniment and help of our younger members,  
people. Men friends unite with us in the proposition that a  
letter be addressed to them expressive of this concern.  
We therefore appoint Ruth S. Murray, Anna G. Wood,  
Rachel S. Scotland and Mary E. Baylies to unite with  
men friends in the preparation of a suitable assistle.  
The business of the meeting being finished we  
conclude.

Sarah C. Wright - Clerk.

Nov 22. At the Annual Monthly Meeting of Boston Friends held  
Nov 22. 1894

The representatives from the Second Separa'te Meeting  
are Mrs. and Mrs. and Mrs. Hines, and Mrs. Hines.  
Sara E. Macomber and Mrs. Cabot, who are all present.

The Joint Committee appointed at our last meeting,  
to prepare an address on the part of the Society touching  
younger members, have presented one at this  
time which has been a spirited hour in controversy,  
and the committee are directed to have a suitable num-  
ber of copies of the same printed and distributed,  
and arrange on our Treasurer for the amount required.

We appoint Edward J. Foster and Sarah C.  
Wright, the clerks of this meeting, to prepare a minute  
to Governor addressed to the Governors of the State of Massachusetts  
on behalf of setting forth the views of our society relating to  
Capital punishment and its testimony against it,  
and requesting him to exercise his clemency in the  
case of Daniel M. Robertson, now lying under sentence  
of death in the jail at New Bedford, and commute his  
punishment to imprisonment for life.

We unite in approving a removal Certificate for  
Lincoln W. Cusner and his wife Lizzie to be admitted to  
Massport Monthly Meeting.

The business of the meeting being finished we  
conclude.

Sarah C. Wright - Clerk.



12 mo 1894

The New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12<sup>th</sup> mo. 27, 1894.

The representatives from New Bedford and Ackworth Meeting are Angeline Rickelton, and Mary E. Thompson, one of whom is present. No account received from Long Plains owing to the severe storm which prevails.

The queries have been read and considered at the time. At 8 o'clock Friends L. Wood, Angeline Rickelton, Amos L. Wood, David T. Wrigg, and Sarah E. Wright our representatives to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting.

Westport Monthly Meeting acknowledges the receipt and acceptance of our certificates on behalf of Lincoln W. Luther and his wife.

Our Memorial to the Governor of the State of Massachusetts on behalf of Daniel M. Robertson and the reply to the same have been read as follows viz:

Address to Governor on behalf of Dan<sup>l</sup> M. Robertson.

From the Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends held in New Bedford, Eleventh mo. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1894

To the Hon. Frederick T. Greenhalge Governor of Massachusetts

As we believe that Capital Punishment is contrary to the Law of God as revealed in the New Testament and that the taking of human life can not be justified as a punishment from this standpoint; this Religious Society earnestly entreats the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to commute the contemplated punishment by death in the case Daniel M. Robertson, at New Bedford on 12<sup>th</sup> mo. 14 ensuing to that of imprisonment for life, believing that the ends of justice will be fully met by this substitution and an adequate punishment thus enforced.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Edward T. Tucker

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk



1<sup>st</sup> mo 1895. N. Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
1<sup>st</sup> mo 2<sup>nd</sup> 1895.

The representatives from New Bedford & Provincetown are  
Emma C. Fiske and Abigail L. Fiske from New Bedford,  
Charlotte C. Parsons and Esther D. Macomber from Provincetown.

Long time before this meeting has been held & this  
meeting the minutes of last month's meeting were read  
as no record was made of the same.

The representatives from Provincetown Meeting were not  
here in attendance.

The annual report of the auditors was read & examined.  
The Treasurer's accounts, also the several budgets  
made at this meeting have been read and approved,  
and the same with our friends in the room con-  
firmed. Albert W. Holmes is Treasurer of this Monthly  
Meeting.

The following friends are appointed as Officers  
Officers of the Year for the ensuing year, viz: Secretary, Miss  
John H. Fiske, Treasurer, Captain H. H. Fiske.

Readers, Esther L. Smith, Abigail L. Fiske, & Miss C.  
Parsons, and Mary E. Macomber.

A notice from Canada & early meeting has  
been acceptably read at this time.

The business of the meeting being accomplished  
we conclude

Wendell C. Wright - Clerk

2<sup>nd</sup> mo 1895 N. Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends  
held 2<sup>nd</sup> mo. 28<sup>th</sup> 1895

The representatives from New Bedford & Provincetown  
are Abigail Fiske and Emma C. Fiske from New Bedford,  
Charlotte C. Parsons and Esther D. Macomber from Provincetown.  
The same as last time, for whose absence on account  
of illness we would record our loving sympathy.

Friends are united in the resolutions  
for the ensuing year of the following friends  
who have charge of the movement of the

Abraham Chapman & Charlotte Fiske, viz:  
Secretary, Emma C. Fiske, Treasurer, Captain H. H. Fiske.  
Readers, Esther L. Smith, Abigail L. Fiske, & Miss C.  
Parsons, and Mary E. Macomber.



2<sup>nd</sup> mo. 1895

Letters from New York and Baltimore Quarterly Meetings of Women Friends have been acceptable read at this time. The meeting is also in the acknowledgment of Mary L. Wood as Treasurer of the Society to fill the vacancy caused by the decease of our dear friend Rebecca L. Montland.

Desiring to record our grief at the loss of our dear friend Rebecca L. Montland her meetings directs the clerk to read up and forward a letter to the bereaved family an expression of our sympathy with them.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude -  
Wm. C. Wright - Clerk -

3<sup>rd</sup> mo. 1895

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 3<sup>rd</sup> mo. 28<sup>th</sup> 1895.

The representatives from New Bedford & surrounding Society are Mary S. Montland and Mary L. English, from Long Plain, Mary L. Wood and Mary L. Montland, who are present.

Charles H. and Elizabeth T. Rice have presented a request for the membership of their daughter Fannie Adams. The request is with this religious Society which membership is granted. Our friends concerning this in our absence. It is requested to inform them of the action of this meeting.

In their request for membership with us has been received from James Ellis Montland, and request to join. Also B. Stearns and Rachel L. Montland to visit her on the account and report to a future meeting.

We unite with new friends in accepting them into membership with us.

The journal has been read with answers from our friends to separate meetings and a summary of our work. The report which we forward to the following Quarterly Meeting to our friends is made by Montland, Rachel L. Montland, Elizabeth L. Montland, Mary L. Wood, and Mary L. Montland and Mary L. English, whom we acknowledge our representatives. The committee also conducted the service of the day.



3<sup>rd</sup> mo 1895. Before the meeting of the ladies and no the ladies, present here which has been read -  
The business of the meeting being finished we conclude  
Love & O. Knight - Clerk.

4<sup>th</sup> mo 1895. At the Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
on 25<sup>th</sup> mo 1895

The representatives from the Bedford Presbytery are  
Miss Co. Beech and Cynthia A. Pike; from  
Long Point, Mary Hafford and Charlotte Brown  
are present except two.

The time for which the clerks were appointed having  
expired, we appoint Rachel S. Howland, Susan M.  
Hafford and Susan S. Trip to find forward the  
names of some friends for that service.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report  
that all were all in attendance.

Com<sup>rs</sup> on Overseers. This being the usual time to revise the list  
of Overseers, we select Anna S. Good, Rachel  
Howland and Susan S. Trip to visit with some  
friends in the region in the time of friends to be  
in that capacity.

Anna S. Good reports that she has attended  
to her commitment in the case of Margaret Price.

Agnes E. Howland's Membership. Rachel S. Howland reports on behalf of the  
Committee appointed to visit Agnes E. Howland  
as follows, viz

" Bedford - 4<sup>th</sup> mo 25. 1895  
To the Monthly Meeting.

It is a pleasure to know a personment we have  
visited Agnes E. Howland on account of her request  
for membership in the Society of Friends and are  
united in believing that she is convinced that it is  
her duty to make this application, and that she  
may be a valuable acquisition to our meeting if  
Friends receive her and cherish her Christian  
character.

Signed: P. B. Brown  
Rachel S. Howland -  
We will in accepting her as a member  
of this religious society and assist her in her  
work.



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4<sup>th</sup> mo. 1895

Leahury to give her the information  
Our friends inform that they have nominated a  
committee to exercise a care over Newtucket and T. m.  
Broke meetings and we appoint Ruth S. Murray,  
Rachel S. Howland, Angeline Richardson, Esther D. Macon-  
ber, and Anna G. Wood to unite with them in this  
service.  
The business of the meeting being finished we  
conclude  
Sarah E. Wright - Clerk

5<sup>th</sup> mo. 1895

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
5<sup>th</sup> mo. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1895  
The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are  
Sarah E. Holmes and Anna G. Wood, from Long Plain, Sophronie  
Teggs and Mary G. Macomber, who are present.  
The committee nominated to bring forward the names of  
clerks, propose the reappointment of Sarah E. Wright as  
clerk and Susan J. King, as assistant clerk for the ensuing  
year, which is acceptable to this meeting.  
The report of the Committee on Overseers not having been  
presented, the subject is postponed until our next meeting.  
We have read up to this time an interesting and instructive  
epistle from North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.  
The business of the meeting being finished we conclude  
Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

6<sup>th</sup> mo. 1895

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
6<sup>th</sup> mo. 27<sup>th</sup> 1895.  
The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are  
Susan R. King, and Angeline Richardson, from Long Plain,  
Phoebe S. Palmer and Mary Hafford, who are present except  
one.  
The queries have been read and we trust seriously  
considered by each one of us, although no answers are  
required at this time.  
We appoint the following friends as our representatives  
to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, viz: Rachel S. Howland,  
Susan J. Thompson, Adelaide T. Wilbur, Adeline S. Nye,  
Catherine Howland, Mary C. Baylies, Susan S. Triggs and  
Lillian Wood.

Report from  
on Overseers

The following report of the Committee on Overseers  
has been read, viz: -



6. mo. 1895 "To the Monthly Meeting

The committee appointed to revise the list of Officers for this meeting would report that they have met and duly considered the subject entrusted to them, and are united in proposing that the same friends who served in this capacity last year, be reappointed with the exception of Rebecca S. Howland, who, to the great loss of her family and friends, has lately been removed by death. The names are - John B. Baylies, Edmund T. Leches, John Wood, Benjamin H. Kirby, A. Murray, Milner, Thomas F. Hafford, Arnold G. Tripp, Joshua S. Macomber, Susan M. Seabury, Mary C. Baylies, Sarah E. Wright, Cynthia A. Kirby, Mary Hafford, Adelaide V. Milnes, Betsey B. Luce and Mary S. Wood.

On behalf of the Committee Edmund T. Dillingham  
Rebecca S. Howland -

New Bedford - 5 mo. 1895 - "

Which reports being, acceptable to this and the men's meeting, they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

Susan M. Seabury reports that she has informed Agnes E. Howland of the action of this meeting in her case -

The business of the meeting being accomplished we conclude  
Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

7. mo. 1895 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
7. mo. 25. 1895.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Katherine Howland and Ruth L. Smith; from Long Plain, Mary S. Wood and Esther R. Pierce, who are present except one.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended with one exception, for whose absence a sufficient reason has been given.

An interesting speech from Ohio Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends has been acceptably read at this time.

New Friends inform that they are united in proposing the name of John B. Baylies as Correspondent for this meeting, in which we concur.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude  
Sarah E. Wright - Clerk -

8. mo. 1895 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
8. mo. 2. 1895.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Abbie Wood, and Cynthia A. Kirby; from Long Plain, Mary Hafford and Mary G. Macomber, who are present.



8<sup>th</sup> mo. 1895 One epistle from the Women Friends of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting has been read at this time.

Finance Ruth S. Murray and Adelaide S. Miller are appointed Commission members of the Finance Committee, in conjunction with new friends.

The Business of the meeting being finished we conclude  
 Social E. Wright - Clerk.

\* The following directions have been received from the Quarterly Meeting - viz -

" To West Bedford Monthly Meeting  
 Dear Friends -

It is concluded to raise five hundred and fifty dollars for the use of this Meeting for the coming year and our Monthly Meetings are directed to pay their respective proportions of that amount to our Treasurers, not later than 11<sup>th</sup> mo. 1. 1896. The quota from your Mo. Meeting is 64<sup>00</sup> cent - Three hundred and seventy nine and 50/100 dollars - (\$379.50)

Your attention is directed to the following number of the Yearly Meeting of the present year -

No. 19 - relating to Education - No. 29 - relating to Church Extension - No. 59. relating to Finance - No. 64 - relating to letters of recommendation from other Churches - No. 65. relating to Water Baptisms &c.

After, this Quarterly Meeting when held at West Bedford in the first and fourth months, will convene at eleven o'clock instead of at half past eleven A.M. as heretofore.

By direction and on behalf of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Falmouth, 4<sup>th</sup> mo. 11<sup>th</sup> 1895.

(Signed) Edward S. Tucker - Clerk

9<sup>th</sup> mo. 1895. At West Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> mo. 26. 1895 -

Representatives from West Bedford Preparative Meeting are Angelica Richardson and Katherine Cornwall, from Long Plain, Adelaide S. Miller and Sophronia Leggett, who are present.

The queries have been read and considered, and we appoint the following friends our representatives to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting - viz: Susan S. Thompson, Emma S. Wood, Adelaide S. Miller, Mary S. Cornwall, Katherine Cornwall, Mary S. Wood and Angelica Richardson.

Our dear friend Emma M. Powell, a minister,



accompanied by her husband Henry T. Howell, an Elder, acceptably attended this meeting with certificates from Durham Monthly Meeting, held at Durham, Dec. 9th 1895 expressive of unity with them in their present religious engagement. The clerk is liberated to unite with the clerk of the men's meeting in furnishing them with suitable returning answers.

Our dear friends William Thompson and his wife Susan T. Thompson, who are Minister in good esteem with us, opened in this meeting, in joint session, a paper of attending the ensuing Yearly Meeting at Baltimore, in the eleventh month next, with which this meeting fully unites, and the Clerks are directed to furnish them with a certificate on our behalf.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude  
 Sarah E. Wright - Clerk -

10<sup>th</sup> mo. 1895 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
 10<sup>th</sup> mo. 24<sup>th</sup> 1895

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Sarah M. Coggeshall and Sarah P. Wing; from Long Plain, Mary S. Wood and Harriet S. Davis, who are present.

Our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended with two exceptions.

An extract from the Book of Discipline on the subject of Meetings for Worship has been acceptably read at this time.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude  
 Sarah E. Wright - Clerk -

11<sup>th</sup> mo 1895 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
 11<sup>th</sup> mo. 28. 1895

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Sarah D. Holmes and Sarah M. Coggeshall; from Long Plain, Mary Tafford and Susan S. Lipp, who are present except one.

Our dear Friends William and Susan T. Thompson returned at this time the minutes read at them in the 9<sup>th</sup> month last, with a minute of endorsement from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, which is very acceptable to us.

An instructive extract from the Book of Discipline on the subject of "Liberality & Benevolence" has been read.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude  
 Sarah E. Wright - Clerk



12<sup>th</sup> mo 1895. At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
12<sup>th</sup> mo 26<sup>th</sup> 1895

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Mtg. are Sarah H. Baker and Mary J. Baylies; from Long Plain, Patsy B. Luce and Mary G. Macomber were present except one.

The queries have been read and considered as directed and we appoint our friends Esther D. Macomber, Susan M. Seabury, Harriet L. Davis, Mary L. Baylies and Ruth L. Smith our representatives to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting.

The business of the meeting being accomplished we conclude -

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

1<sup>st</sup> mo 1896. At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 1<sup>st</sup> mo 23. 1896.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Mary A. White and Alice Tucker; from Long Plain, Mary Hafford and Adelaide T. Miller, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

A request for membership with our religious Society has been received as follows viz;

"Rocky Under South Dartmouth

11. 25. 96

To the friends of New Bedford Monthly Meeting -

It is my earnest desire to be made a member of the Society of Friends.

It is my desire to do the Lord's will and work in his vineyard. He does so much for me, I want to do all I can for Him, my Master.

(signed) Mary Hannah Green

We appoint Susan F. Thompson, Anna G. Wood and Susan M. Seabury to visit her on the account and report to a future meeting.

Auditors  
report

The annual report of the Auditors who have examined the Treasurer's account, also the several trust funds held by this meeting, has been read and approved, and we unite with new friends in the reappointment of Albert W. Holmes as Treasurer of this Monthly Mtg.

The time for which the Overseers of the Poor were appointed having expired, we are united in the re-appointment of the friends who served last year, viz: -



Susan T. Tripp, Adelaide T. Miller, Elizabeth Cannon, Ruth L. Smith, Abbie Wood, Phoebe B. Stocum, Sarah Jane Tate, Mary G. Macomber, and Mary S. Wood.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude  
Sarah E. Wright - Clerk

2<sup>nd</sup> mo 1896. At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 2<sup>nd</sup> mo. 27. 1896.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Socy. are Sarah D. Holmes and Catherine Howland; from Long Plain, Esther D. Macomber and Alice R. Howland, who are present.

The committee appointed last month to visit Mary Hannah Green on account of her request for membership with our religious society report as follows - viz;

"To the Monthly Meeting;

In accordance with our appointment we have had an interview with Mary Hannah Green. We think she has made her request from a sense of duty, believing it right to become a member of the Society of Friends whose principles she accepts. She is evidently a sincere simple hearted Christian, and as such, we recommend that she be received a member.

Signed Susan T. Thompson  
" Mary S. Wood.  
" Susan D. Seabury.

New Bedford. 2 mo. 24. 1896.

This report has been united with by us and with the concurrence of new friends, she is admitted a member of our Society, Mary Baylies being appointed to inform her of the action of the meeting.

We are united in the reappointment of the same friends who served last year in the disbursement of the Abraham Shearman & Charitable Fund.

The business of the meeting being accomplished we conclude  
Sarah E. Wright - Clerk

3<sup>rd</sup> mo 1896 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 3<sup>rd</sup> mo. 26. 1896.

The representatives from the Preparative Mtg. are Elizabeth T. Price and Mary C. Baylies; from Long Plain, Eloise R. Hafford and Mary G. Macomber, who are present.

The following request has been received from A. Allister Estes - viz; -



3<sup>rd</sup> mo 1896

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"East Pembroke Mass. Mar. 4. 1896.  
To the Officers of New Bedford Monthly Meeting.

I intend being baptized and joining the Methodist Church this summer. Therefore I request that you take my name off from membership with the Friends' Church.  
Yours truly

(signed) A. Alberta Estes

This request has been granted by us, new friends concurring, and Anna G. Wood is requested to inform her of this decision and of the kindly feeling expressed by Friends here on her behalf.

Mary C. Baylies informs that she has attended to her appointment in the case of Marshall Meats Green-

Our friends Elisha Howland and his wife Hannah Howland have presented the following request viz:-

"To New Bedford Monthly Meeting -  
Dear Friends -

Having been for many years attenders of Friends Meetings and convinced of the truth of the Gospel as held by them. It is our desire to come into closer fellowship. We now request to be taken into membership with you -

For us your friends  
(signed) Elisha Howland

(signed) Hannah Howland

New Bedford 3<sup>rd</sup> mo. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1896. "

We appoint Rachel S. Howland and Sarah E. Wright to unite with new friends in visiting them on the account and report to a future meeting.

The committee appointed to examine the records, prepare an abstract of statistics, and for other purposes, present their report which has been read.

The queries have been read with answers from our several preparative meetings, and a summary prepared therefrom which are forward to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, by our Friends Esther E. Loomis, Susan M. Leahy, Susan S. Tripp, Mary C. Baylies, Anna G. Wood and Henry Hazard, whom we appoint our representatives.

It was concluded at our last meeting to prepare a protest against the proposed action of the U.M.C.A. in the formation of a military company among the junior members of the Association, as announced in the daily papers, which the clerks are directed to sign and forward.



The following protest has been presented, viz:—

"Professing ourselves followers of the Prince of Peace, we, the undersigned, as Christians have been pained at the announcement in the daily papers of a Prize Drill to be held at the W.M.C.A. hall, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the purchase of arms for the Junior Department of that Association. At this time when the most enlightened minds of the civilized world are advocating the principles of Peace and Arbitration, in place of the barbaric practices of the past, it appears highly inconsistent that a Christian Institution should cultivate in this way, the war spirit in the minds of the young.

Signed by direction of the Meeting Edward T. Tucker Clerk.  
Sarah E. Wright

West Bedford 2 mo. 27. 1896.

The business of the meeting being finished recommending  
Sarah E. Wright Clerk.

4<sup>th</sup> mo 1896 At West Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
4<sup>th</sup> mo 23<sup>rd</sup> 1896.

The representatives from the Preparative Meeting are Alice Wood and Susan M. Seabury; from Long Plain, Louisa R. Gerrish and Adelaide S. Willard, who are present except one.

The time for which the Clerks were appointed, having expired, Sarah E. Wright is reappointed as Clerk and Jessie T. Wong as assistant clerk for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they were all in attendance.

The time for which the Officers of this Meeting were appointed having expired we appoint Esther S. Macomber, Susan L. Tripp, Rachel S. Hornland and Alice Tucker to unite with a similar Committee of new Friends in bringing forward names of new and women friends suitable to perform the duties of the office and report to a future meeting.

The committee appointed to visit Elihu Hornland upon his application for membership with the Society of Friends report as follows viz:

"We had a satisfactory call upon him, we believe him to be a Christian and convinced of our principles. He has been a lifelong attendant of our Meetings for worship. We recommend his being received into membership with us—  
West Bedford 4<sup>th</sup> mo. 9. 1896  
William Thompson  
Edward G. Dillingham"



"The committee appointed to visit Hannah Howland on account of her request for membership with our Society are united in recommending that she be received, her qualifications being similar to those of her husband mentioned in the foregoing report.

(signed) Rachel S. Howland

(signed) Sarah C. Wright

These reports being approved by this meeting as well as by men friends they are received into membership with us, and Susan J. Thompson is directed to give the information to Hannah Howland.

Anna G. Wood reports that she has attended her appointment in the case of A. Alberta Foster.

A communication in response to our Protest has been received from the Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. which has been read.

Sandwich Quaker Meeting has forwarded a communication to this meeting which has been read and the subject is referred to the Overseers.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude.

Sarah C. Wright - Clerk -

5<sup>th</sup> mo 1896. At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 5<sup>th</sup> mo. 28, 1896.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Mary C. Daglies and Anna R. Holmes, from Long Plain, Harriet S. Davis and Alice R. Howland, who are present.

The committee on Overseers is continued until next month. Susan J. Thompson informs that she acquainted Hannah Howland with the action of this meeting.

An extract from the Book of Discipline on the "Origin of the Christian Discipline established among Friends" has been acceptably read at this time.

We are united in the re-appointment of the joint committee having charge of Nantucket and Pembroke Meetings for the ensuing year, with the addition of Susan J. Thompson's name.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude.

Sarah C. Wright - Clerk



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to New Bedford Monthly Meeting.

Dear Friends -

It appears from the records of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, that Nantucket Monthly Meeting was laid down in the year 1867, and the members belonging thereto were attached to your Monthly Meeting. We are informed, that the records of our Society on Nantucket from their date of commencement up to the 7th month 1845, are in the possession of the body of separatists, who withdrew from Nantucket Monthly Meeting at the Sale last mentioned, and that they have never acknowledged the authority of this Quarterly Meeting or of New England Yearly Meeting. We are informed that these records have

been removed from Nantucket to another part of the State. We believe that the time has arrived for your Monthly Meeting, as the representative and lawful successor of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, to have the care and control of these records - and we accordingly direct New Bedford Monthly Meeting to demand from this body, which has designated itself as Nantucket Monthly Meeting, to deliver to them the records of the two Monthly Meetings - namely those of Nantucket Monthly Meeting from the earliest date up to 7th month 1845 - and those of Nantucket Monthly Meeting for the Northern District, from the



Eleventh month 1794 to the Fifth month 1829, inclusive,  
in order that they may remain in your care hereafter.

From Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at  
New Bedford 4<sup>th</sup> mo. 9. 1896.

Signed by direction of the meeting,

Edward T. Tucker, Clerk



6<sup>th</sup> mo 1896. At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 6<sup>th</sup> mo 20<sup>th</sup> 1896.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Sarah T. Holmes and Abby J. Brightman, from Long Plain, Esther R. Peirce and Mary G. Macomber, who are present except one, for whose absence a suitable reason has been given.

The queries have been read and thoughtfully considered. Our dear friend George Wood, a minister acceptable, attended this Meeting with a certificate from Deep River Monthly Meeting of Friends of North Carolina, endorsed by Deep River Quarterly Meeting, expressive of unity with him in his present religious engagement.

The clerks are directed to furnish him with a suitable returning minute.

The following report of the Committee on Overseers has been read - viz:

New Bedford 6<sup>th</sup> mo 4. 1896.

To the Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed to propose the names of Friends for the station of Overseers have attended to that duty and recommend the following Friends for that service.

John B. Baylies  
Edmund T. Taber

John Wood  
Benj. H. Kirby

W. Hurray Wilbur

Thomas F. Hafford

Arnold G. Tripp

Joshua L. Macomber

Susan M. Leabury

Mary C. Baylies

Sarah E. Wright

Cynthia A. Kirby

Mary Hafford

Adelaide V. Wilbur

Betsy B. Luce

Mary S. Wood

in behalf of the Committee

*(signed)* Rachel S. Howland

Esther I. Macomber

Richard Davis

*(signed)* Edmund Taber

Benj. H. Kirby

Cornelius A. Howland

This report being acceptable to this and the men's meeting they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year -

We appoint our friends Rachel S. Howland, Susan S. Tripp, Sarah Jane Taber, Adelaide V. Wilbur, Mary C. Baylies, Sarah T. Holmes and Sarah W. Coggeshall our representatives to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting to be held at Fallmouth.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude  
Sarah E. Wright - clerk.



7<sup>th</sup> mo 1896. At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held Jano. 23. 1896.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparatory Meeting are Ruth L. Smith and Adeline S. Nye; from Long Plain, Mary S. Wood and Esther D. Macomber, - present except one.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that they attended to their appointment with one exception, for whose absence a satisfactory reason has been assigned.

We appoint Rachel S. Howland, Mary L. Baylies, Adelaide S. Millar, Sarah E. Wright and Angeline Pickerson to unite with more friends in the revision of the list of Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry & Oversight, and report to a future meeting.

The business of the meeting being accomplished we conclude

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

8<sup>th</sup> mo 1896 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held Jano. 29. 1896.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparatory Meeting are Abbie Wood and Cynthia A. Kirby; from Long Plain, Isabelle L. Perry and Sophronia Geylatt, two of whom are absent.

The following report has been read and accepted by: "The Committee appointed to revise the list of Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight have conferred together and are united in proposing the following

Charlotte E. Gardner	Gideon Wood
Esther D. Macomber	Sophronia Geylatt
Phoebe B. Stocum	Phoebe S. Delano
Adeline S. Nye	Alice R. Howland
Bessie T. May	Sarah R. King
George D. Wood	Eloise A. Hedford
Ruth L. Smith	Edmund Taber
Harriet S. Davis	Abbie Wood
Mary E. Howland	Sarah K. Taber
and Mary G. Macomber.	

For the Com. John B. Baylies "

An extract from the General Advice has been read. The Quarterly Meeting's report of the Finance Com<sup>tee</sup> has been read and we appoint Susan T. Thompson and Adelaide S. Millar as members of that Committee for the ensuing year.

A ceremonial certificate from Boston Friends



Meeting, on behalf of George T. Tucker has been received and accepted by this and the men's meeting.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude.  
 Sarah E. Wright - Clerk -

9<sup>th</sup> mo 1896 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
 9<sup>th</sup> mo. 24. 1896.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Mary C. Cornwall and Susan M. Leabury; from Long Plain, Esther D. Macomber and Harriet J. Davis two of whom are absent, one on account of indisposition.

The queries have been read and thoughtfully considered. We appoint the following Friends as our representatives to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting at Sandwich, viz;  
 Susan J. Thompson, Esther D. Macomber, Sarah E. Wright, Mary A. White, Mary C. Baylies, Alice Tucker and Susan J. Tripp.

Our dear Friend Mary Jane Weaver, a Minister, has been acceptably with us at this time, presenting a certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Abba N.S. expressing of unity with her in her present religious engagement. The clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the men's Meeting in furnishing her with a suitable retiring minute.

The business of the meeting being accomplished we conclude -

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk -

10<sup>th</sup> mo 1896 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
 10<sup>th</sup> mo 22<sup>nd</sup> 1896.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Elizabeth J. Frie and Abbie Wood; from Long Plain, Mary Hafford and Esther D. Peirce; present except two.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended with two exceptions, both occasioned by indisposition.

Our dear Friend Mary Jane Weaver, is again acceptably with us today.

A circular from our Yearly Meeting, entitled "A Plan for Christian Giving" has been read.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting calls our attention to Minute 35 of the Yearly Meeting's Proceedings, of the present year which has been read.

The business being finished we conclude.  
 Sarah E. Wright - Clerk -



11<sup>th</sup> mo 1896. At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 11<sup>th</sup> mo. 26<sup>th</sup> 1896.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Susan M. Seabury and Mary E. Howard; from Long Plain, Adelaide S. Willard and Mary S. Benson, two of whom were present.

There being no further business we conclude  
Sara E. Wright Clerk.

12<sup>th</sup> mo 1896 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 12<sup>th</sup> mo. 24<sup>th</sup> 1896.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Mary A. White and Adelaide S. Nye who are present. We are informed that only one woman attended Long Plain Preparative Meeting owing to the storm. The clerk being absent - Bessie T. Wing is appointed to take her place for the day.

The queries have been read and considered, and we appoint the following friends as our representatives to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, viz: - Cynthia A. Kirby, Susan Thompson, Mary S. Wood, Bessie T. Wing, Adelaide S. Willard and Mary E. White.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude  
(signed) Bessie T. Wing Clerk for the day.

1<sup>st</sup> mo 1897. At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 1<sup>st</sup> mo. 20<sup>th</sup> 1897.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Susan M. Seabury and Anna R. Holmes, who are present; no account from Long Plain owing to severe storm.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting were all in attendance.

The storm today having prevented many friends from attending this meeting, it is decided to postpone any further business till next month; we therefore conclude.

Sara E. Wright Clerk



2<sup>nd</sup> mo 1897. St. North Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 2<sup>nd</sup> mo. 25<sup>th</sup> 97.  
The representatives from North Bedford Preparative Meeting are Mary  
C. Horland and Sarah D. Holmes; from Long Pine, Mary Hafford  
and Mary J. Macomber who are present.

The Committee having the care of the disbursement of the  
Abraham Sherman Charitable Fund are continued in that  
service for the ensuing year.

This meeting is united in the reappointment of the same friends  
who served last year as Overseers of the Poor with the addition  
of the name of Alice R. Horland to take the place of our late  
dear friend Amabel Cannon.

The annual report of the Auditors who have examined  
the Treasurer's accounts, also the several trust funds held  
by this meeting, has been read in joint session and  
approved, and we unite in the reappointment of Albert  
W. Holmes as Treasurer of this Monthly Meeting.

It is concluded to raise the proposed amount \$1000.  
and we appoint Sarah W. Longhall, Sarah D. Holmes,  
Alice Tucker and Adelaide T. Wilbur to assist our  
friends in collecting the same.

A communication has been received from Stephen  
R. Rogers of Lynn in relation to the fund held by  
this Monthly Meeting for the benefit of Pembroke Place.  
We unite in the appointment of William Thompson  
George F. Tucker and Edmund Taber to confer with  
Stephen R. Rogers in relation to his request and report  
at a future meeting.

We have accepted at this time a removal certificate  
from Kansas City Monthly Meeting Missouri on  
the part of Wilfred Rowntree and his wife Della  
D. Rowntree, who are now residing at Hantsfield  
within our limits.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude

Signed J. Edward J. Tucker Clerk  
Sarah E. Wright



3<sup>mo</sup>. 25. 1897 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of New Women Friends held in joint session 3<sup>rd</sup> mo. 25<sup>th</sup>. 1897.

The representations from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Anna R. Howland and Sarah J. Taber, from Long Plain, Mary S. Wood and Esther A. Pierce. These are

The report of the committee appointed to examine the records prepare in abstract of statistics and for other purposes has been read.

Request for Removal of Friends, also Anna R. Howland and Blanche S. Howland, having requested removal certificate to Boston Monthly Meeting we appoint George R. Wood, Anna G. Wood and Mary C. Baylies to make the usual enquiry prepare certificate, if may seem therefor and present them to our next meeting.

The following certificate has been approved from dear friends William Thompson and his wife Susan T. Thompson who are about to make a social visit to Great Britain and the Continent of Europe, and the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of the meeting.

To the Meetings and Members of The Society of Friends and all others where these may come.

This is to certify that our beloved Friends William and Susan T. Thompson are members of this meeting and Ministers in unity and good esteem with us.

We commend them to the protection and guidance of the Lord and to the loving care of those amongst whom their lot may be cast.

Signed in and on behalf of New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends, held in New Bedford Mass. U.S.A.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mo. 25<sup>th</sup> 1897.

The queries have been read with answers from our several preparative meetings, and a summary prepared and approved for the Quarterly Meeting. We appoint Esther D. Macomber, Sarah J. Taber, Anna G. Wood, Anna R. Howland and Harriette Howland to attend that meeting as our representatives.



New Bedford

Stephen R. Rogers,

Executor of the Will of Moses F. Rogers.

Dear Friend:-

Thy communication of 1st month, 19th 1897, addressed to New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends was duly received. The undersigned have been appointed a committee to look into thy claim which we understand to be as follows:-

" Stephen Rogers gave by will one thousand dollars to the Preparative Meeting of Friends in Pembroke the income to be appropriated for the relief and comfort of the poor and necessitous members of said Preparative Meeting forever.

" The Preparative Meeting has ceased to exist, having been 'laid down' and, as Moses F. Rogers is residuary legatee, the fund, as a lapsed legacy, should be paid over at once to thyself as his executor."

We respectfully call attention to the following propositions.

1. The Preparative Meeting has not been "laid down" but still exists.

The records of New Bedford Monthly Meeting of 9th month, 27th 1877, show that the Pembroke Preparative Meeting was suspended "for the present" and its members were "attached to New Bedford Preparative Meeting during the time of its suspension." Since that time the



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My dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the matter of the

above named case, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours,  
J. H. [Name]



income of the fund has been disbursed among "the poor and necessitous" of Pembroke Preparative Meeting, or in other words has been and is now being disbursed in strict harmony with the law and the Spirit of the Will.

2. Let us for the purposes of illustration and argument assume that Pembroke Preparative Meeting has been "laid down" and that all "the poor and necessitous" of that meeting are dead.

The Supreme Judicial Court of this State in the case of the will of Abner Pease has decided that a bequest for the benefit of a Preparative Meeting creates a good "public charity." A public charity lasts forever. If the purpose stated in the will cannot be carried out, the fund is not paid over to the residuary legatee or the testator's heirs, but the court directs a purpose as nearly as possible in harmony with the original purpose. For example, if the Pembroke Preparative Meeting ceases to exist and all its needy members die, the court will give the income of the fund for other poor Friends or other interests pertaining to Friends in our part of the State.

On behalf of New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends

We are respectfully

(Signed) Geo H Tucker

(Signed) William Thompson

(Signed) Edmund Taber



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3mo 1897. The committee appointed last month on the request of Stephen R. Rogers have presented a report and a copy of Report a communication to be forwarded to him for his meeting on request. Which we approve and the clerks are directed to enter J. D. R. Rogers there upon our records and sign and forward the communication on our behalf.

" To the Monthly Meeting

The committee on the subject of the applications of Stephen R. Rogers report that they have examined and considered the facts in the case and have inquired into the legal position of the Meeting respecting the trust referred to, and herewith submit a proposed reply to said application, and inasmuch as it was deemed proper that the reply should embody the specific decision of the Monthly Meeting, it was thought best, before forwarding it, to refer it to the judgment of the Meeting.

On behalf of the Com<sup>tee</sup>

(Signed) William Thompson.

3. 20. 97

x An application for membership in our religious Society has been received from Hannah H. Miller. We therefore appoint Susan W. Thompson and Anna G. Hood to visit her on the account and report to our next meeting.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude (signed) Edward S. Tucker

Sarah E. Wright - Clerks

x " To New Bedford Monthly Meeting  
Dear Friends

Having known the principles of the Society of Friends since my early life and for years attended their meetings for worship, I now desire a closer communion and request to be admitted as a member, trusting thereby to be helped in my life as a follower of Christ.

(signed) Hannah H. Miller

New Bedford, 3. 20. 1897.



4<sup>th</sup> mo. 1897. At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
4<sup>th</sup> mo. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1897.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are:  
Alice Tucker and Hannah Cornwall; from Long Plain, Abigail  
S. Miller and Mary Gifford who are all present.

The time for which the clerks were appointed having nearly  
expired, we appoint Susan M. Leabury, Susan S. Tripp and  
Anna S. Wood to take the subject into consideration and  
report to a future meeting.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they  
were all in attendance.

Com<sup>rs</sup> on Overseers. We appoint Susan S. Tripp, Ruth L. Smith, Alice M.  
Cornland and Anna S. Wood to write with our friends  
in revising the list of Overseers for the ensuing year.

The committee appointed last month to visit Hannah S.  
Miller on account of her application for membership, re-  
as follows, viz:

To New Bedford Monthly Meeting  
Dear Friends

In accordance with our appointment we have  
visited Hannah S. Miller. She expressed her attachment  
to the Society of Friends and her love for the Lord Jesus  
Christ, and we recommend that she should be accepted  
as a member with us.

Signed Anna S. Wood

4<sup>th</sup> mo. 1897. Susan S. Thompson

This report being acceptable to us and our friends  
concurring therein, she is received as a member of the  
religious Society, and we appoint Sarah J. Taber to give  
her the information.

A communication from our friend Weston Bonham  
has been read in which he resigns his position as  
Trustee of the S. M. S. estate. We write with our  
friends in accepting his resignation and in the appoint-  
ment of Thomas S. Tripp to fill the vacancy created thereby.

The committee in charge of removal certificates are  
continued in that service until a future meeting.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude  
Sarah C. Wright - Clerk



5<sup>th</sup> mo 1897. St. New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
5<sup>th</sup> mo. 27<sup>th</sup> 1897.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are  
Sarah E. Taber and Mary E. Baylis, from Long Plains, Susan S.  
Tripp and Alice R. Howland who are present.

Susan M. Salary on behalf of the Committee appointed to bring  
forward the names of Clerks for this meeting proposed Sarah E.  
Wright for Clerk and Bessie T. King for assistant Clerk, which  
being acceptable to the meeting they are appointed to these services  
respectively for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

Removal certificates on behalf of Frank E. Howland  
and his wife Caroline E. C. Howland, also of Cyrus E. and  
Blanche H. Howland have been read and approved in  
concurrence with our Friends, and the Clerks are directed  
to sign and forward them on our behalf.

The Committee on the appointment of Overseers are  
continued until next month.

The following friends are appointed to exercise a care  
over Nantucket and Pembroke Meetings, viz. Ruth S. Murray,  
Rachel E. Howland, Angelina Rickelson, Esther D. Macomber,  
Anna G. Wood, Susan S. Thompson and Sarah E. Wright.

An account of the last days of our beloved friend  
Isaac Sharp has been read at this time, to which we  
have listened with deep interest.

The business of the meeting being accomplished we  
conclude.

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

6<sup>th</sup> mo 1897. St. New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
6<sup>th</sup> mo. 24<sup>th</sup> 1897.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting  
are Catherine Howland and Angelina Rickelson, from  
Long Plains, Esther D. Pierce and Esther D. Macomber, who  
are present.

The queries have been read and we trust seriously con-  
sidered and we have been impressively reminded of the  
question which was asked of old "How much owest thou  
unto my Lord?"

The following report of the Committee on Overseers has  
been read, viz:

"New Bedford 5<sup>th</sup> mo. 1897.

To the Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to consider the  
Subject of Overseers for the ensuing year propose,



The following friends for that service

Miss B. Barber	Lusanna M. Leahy
Edward L. Lusher	Mary C. Daglio
John Wood	Sarah E. Wright
Benj. L. Kirby	Cynthia L. Kirby
A. George Wilbur	Mary Cofford
Thomas L. Kafford	Idelaide E. Wilbur
Arnold L. Tripp	Peter C. Rice
Joshua L. Macomber	Mary L. Rice

On behalf of the Committee

Signed { Edmund Lusher  
Anna L. Wood

We accept this report in concurrence with our friends and they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

We appoint our friends Lusanna M. Leahy, Idelaide E. Wilbur, Mary Anne King, Susan L. Tripp, Anna L. Wood and Mary Cofford as our representatives to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting at Falmouth.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude  
Sarah E. Wright. Clerk.

7<sup>th</sup> mo. 1897. At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 7<sup>th</sup> mo. 22. 1897.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Abby L. Brightman and Abbie Wood, from Long Cove, Mary G. Macomber and Susan L. Tripp, who are present except two.

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended with two exceptions which were occasioned by indisposition.

The following communication from the Quarterly Meeting has been read viz:

"From Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Falmouth 7<sup>th</sup> mo. 8<sup>th</sup> 1897

To New Bedford Monthly Meeting  
Dear Friends,

It is concluded to raise five hundred and fifty dollars for the Quarterly Meeting the present year. Our quota is three hundred and seventy nine and 50/100 dollars (\$379.50) 69 percent, which was so requested to our treasurers by the

7<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> mo 1897. From the minutes of the Meeting  
Signed { Edmund L. Lusher. Clerk



There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was  
concluded.

Annie E. Wright - Clerk

8<sup>th</sup> mo 1897. At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 8<sup>th</sup> mo  
26<sup>th</sup> 1897.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are  
Augustine Richardson and Mary E. Cornwall, from Long Plains  
Betsey B. Luce and Phoebe E. Macomber who are present except one.

Our dear friend Eli J. Parker, a Minister, attended  
this meeting with certificate from Lynn Grove Unitarian Ch.  
of Friends, Lynn. His company and good services  
have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to unite  
with the clerk of the men's meeting in furnishing him with a  
suitable returning minute signed on our behalf.

We a board Bessie T. King and Mary G. Macomber to  
serve on the finance committee for the ensuing year.

Owing to the diminished number of members of this  
Society at New Bedford it is deemed best to lay down the  
meeting for worship there for the present. We sorrowfully  
unite with our friends in this decision.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude

Annie E. Wright - Clerk

9<sup>th</sup> mo 1897.

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
9<sup>th</sup> mo 23<sup>rd</sup> 1897.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are  
Abby L. Brightman and Susan M. Leary, from Long  
Plains, Sophronia Leggett and Corissa B. Cornwall who  
are present except one.

The queries have been read as usual at this time and  
we appoint our friends Cynthia A. Kirby, Augustine Rich-  
elson, Adelaide F. Wilbur, Mary S. Wood, Bessie T. King  
and Elizabeth E. Gifford as our representatives to the ensuing  
Quarterly Meeting to be held at Sandwich.

The business of the meeting being accomplished we  
conclude.

Annie E. Wright - Clerk



10<sup>th</sup> mo 1897 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
10<sup>th</sup> mo 20<sup>th</sup> 1897  
The clerk being absent, Bessie T. King is appointed  
clerk for the day.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting  
are Abby North and Lucine Pickelson; from Long Plain  
Mary Hafford and Esther E. Macomber who are present  
except two. For the absence of one a sufficient excuse  
is offered.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report  
that they attended except one who was prevented by illness.

Rev. Francis  
Dequest.

This Meeting is informed of a bequest to our Brethren  
of the sum of two thousand dollars to be held in  
trust by them, and the income used for the benefit of aged  
widows, those who had formerly been in better circumstances  
being preferred. We appoint Susan M. Seabury and Maria  
T. Peltus to unite with a corresponding committee of  
our friends to attend to its distribution.

The business of the meeting being accomplished we  
conclude.

Signed Bessie T. King - Clerk for the day.

11<sup>th</sup> mo 1897 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
11<sup>th</sup> mo 25<sup>th</sup> 1897

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are  
Elizabeth C. Locum and Cynthia A. Kirby; from Long Plain  
Esther T. Pierce and Chloe E. Macomber, two of whom were  
absent; a suitable reason was assigned for the absence of one.

The business of the meeting being accomplished we conclude.

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

12<sup>th</sup> mo 1897 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends  
held 12<sup>th</sup> mo 23<sup>rd</sup> 1897.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting  
are Elizabeth T. Price and Susan M. Seabury; from  
Long Plain, Ruth K. Miller and Mary T. Macomber  
who are present except one.

The queries have been read and considered by us  
as is usual at this time.

We appoint Susan T. Thompson, Mary Hafford,  
Sarah R. Wing and Alice R. Howland as our represent-  
atives to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting.

At the request of new friends the shutters were  
raised and we are informed of a proposal from



A Society in Hartford to rent our Meeting house here; also of a meeting room to be held of the stockholders of the National Bank of Commerce in which we are interested. Both subjects were unanimously referred to the Officers of the Meeting with power to act on our behalf.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude.

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

1<sup>st</sup> Nov 1898. At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 1898.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Phoebe B. Hozann and Muriel C. Baylies; from Long Plains, Harriet S. Davis and Alice P. Conland who are present except one who is detained by indisposition.

The Quarterly Meeting representatives report that all attended except one who was unavoidably absent on account of serious illness in the family.

We have with us today the following dear Friends, viz: George Wood, a Minister with certificates from Deep River Monthly and Quarterly Meetings N.E.; Charles W. Goddard a Minister with certificates from Elk River Monthly and Quarterly Meetings endorsed by Amherst Yearly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight; and Annie M. Goddard our Elder who accompanies her husband Charles W. Goddard.

Their company and good labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the men's Meeting in furnishing them with suitable returning minutes signed on our behalf.

This meeting unites in the re-appointment of Officers of the Poor, of the same friend who served last year, and also of those having charge of the Disbursement of the William Shearnan's Charitable Fund, with the addition of Susan L. Thompson's name.

The annual report of the Auditors, who have examined the Treasurer's accounts, also the several Trust-funds held by this Meeting have been read and approved, and we unite with our friends in the appointment of Albert W. Holmes as Treasurer of this Monthly Meeting.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude.

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.



2<sup>nd</sup> mo. 1898 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends  
held 2<sup>nd</sup> mo. 24. 1898.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting  
are Anna S. Montland and Samuel Montland; from  
Long Plain Esther P. Mearns and Harriet S. Davis  
who are present except one.

It is concluded to raise the proposed amount eight  
hundred dollars (\$800) for expenses, and we are united  
in the reappointment of Sarah M. Coggeshall, Sarah  
J. Holmes, Alice Liches and Adelaide V. Millner to  
assist our friends in collecting the same.

An application for membership with this Society has  
been received as follows, viz:

"To the Monthly Meeting  
Dear Friends,

Having accepted the Lord Jesus as my  
Saviour, I now feel that it would help me in my  
Christian life to join the Society of Friends, whose  
principles I believe to be in accord with the truth.  
I have been in the practice of attending meetings  
and have found them helpful and ask you to  
accept me as a member, if you approve.

Signed: Carolyn S. Jones.

We accordingly appoint Susan M. Seabury and  
Anna S. Wood to visit her on the account and  
report to a future meeting.

The business of the meeting being finished we  
conclude

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk

3<sup>rd</sup> mo. 1898 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends  
held 3<sup>rd</sup> mo. 24<sup>th</sup>. 1898

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting  
are Susan M. Seabury and Mary E. Baylies, from  
Long Plain, Mary S. Wood and Esther P. Service  
who are all present.

The assistant-Clerk being absent, Adelaide V.  
Millner is appointed to that service for the day.

The report of the Committee appointed to examine  
the records, prepare an abstract of statistics, and  
for other purposes has been read.

The Committee appointed last month to visit  
Carolyn S. Jones presented the following report, viz:



To the Monthly Meeting.

According to an appointment we visited Caroline S. Jones on account of her request to be admitted into membership with our Society. The interview was interesting and satisfactory. We believe her request is made in sincerity of heart and with an earnest desire to live in accordance with our Christian profession. We recommend her request to the favorable notice of the Monthly Meeting.

New Bedford

Signed) Anna G. Wood

Nov. 15. 1898

Susan M. Seabury

The above report has been accepted by this meeting and having the concurrence of our friends we receive her into membership, and request Susan S. Thompson to inform her of the decision of this meeting.

The queries ~~which~~ answers thereto have been read and a summary prepared which we forward to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends Anna G. Wood, Susan M. Seabury, Esther D. Macomber, Ruth S. Murray, Ruth L. Smith and Adelaide V. Wilbur whom we appoint our representatives.

The business of the meeting being accomplished we conclude.

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

4<sup>th</sup> Nov 1898

At the New Bedford Monthly Meeting of November 4<sup>th</sup> 1898

The representatives from New Bedford to the Quarterly Meeting are Ruth L. Smith, from our Church, and Esther D. Macomber and Adelaide V. Wilbur who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

We are informed in the absence of Susan S. Thompson that she has attended to her appointment in the case of Caroline S. Jones.

The time for which the clerks were appointed having almost expired, Anna G. Wood, Susan M. Seabury and Adelaide V. Wilbur are appointed to take the subject into consideration and report next month.

The business being finished we conclude.

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk -



5<sup>th</sup> mo. 1898. At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 5<sup>th</sup> mo. 26<sup>th</sup> 1898.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Mary Ann Ames and Cynthia A. Kirby; from Long Plain, Harriet L. Davis and Esther D. Macomber, who are present except one.

Mary C. Baylies on behalf of the Committee appointed last month to present the names of clerks for this meeting, proposes Sarah E. Wright for clerk and Bessie L. Wing for assistant clerk, which being approved they are appointed to those services respectively <sup>for the ensuing year</sup> until further appointment.

This being the usual time to revise the list of Overseers, we nominate Anna G. Wood, Esther D. Macomber, Alice Tucker and Bessie L. Wing to take the subject under advisement in conjunction with men friends & report to a future meeting.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude.

Sarah E. Wright Clerk.

6<sup>th</sup> mo 1898 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 6<sup>th</sup> mo. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1898.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Alice Wood and Susan M. Seabury; from Long Plain, Esther R. Peirce and Mary S. Wood, who are present.

Our dear friend Barclay Jones, a minister of the gospel attended this meeting, presenting a certificate from Spiceland Monthly Meeting, held at Spiceland, Indiana.

His company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to write with the Clerk of the Men's meeting, in furnishing him with a suitable returning minute.

The Committee on Overseers reports as follows, viz;

"The Committee appointed to propose the names of Friends for Overseers, have met with Women Friends appointed for the same duty, and recommended the following Friends -

John B. Baylies  
Edward T. Tucker  
John Wood  
Benj. H. Kirby  
N. Henry Wilbur  
Thomas L. Hafford.

Susan M. Seabury  
Mary C. Baylies  
Sarah E. Wright  
Cynthia A. Kirby  
Mary Hafford  
Adelaide V. Wilbur



x

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at  
Falmouth 7<sup>th</sup> mo 14. 1898.

To New Bedford Monthly Meeting -  
Dear Friends -

It is concluded to raise  
four hundred and twenty five dollars - (\$425. for  
the use of this Meeting for the ensuing year.

The quota for New Bedford Monthly Meeting is  
two hundred and ninety three and 25/100 dollars  
(\$293.25-) - (69 per cent) - which you are requested  
to pay to our Treasurer, George R. Woods, in two  
equal instalments - the first, on or before the first  
of the ensuing 10<sup>th</sup> month - and the second, not  
later than the first of the 4<sup>th</sup> month, 1899.

The attention of Monthly Meetings is directed,  
as heretofore, to the plan of "Christian Living" -  
See page 56 of the minutes for 1898.

From the minutes of the meeting

Edw and J. Tucker }

Ruth S. Murray







Arnold G. Tripp  
 Joshua L. Macomber  
 and Esther D. Macomber.

Betsy B. Luce  
 Mary S. Wood

On behalf of the Com.

5.26.1898 (Signed) Edmund Taber "

This reports meets with the approval of this meeting, and new friends also concurring therein they are appointed to the service for the ensuing year -

The Queries have been read as directed, and are most carefully considered.

The following friends are appointed as our representatives to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting at Falmouth, viz: Esther D. Macomber, Susan S. Tripp, Anna G. Wood, Susan M. Seabury, Adelaide V. Wilbur, Abbie Wood and Eloise C. Hafford.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude -

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk -

Nov. 1898. At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 7<sup>th</sup> mo. 28<sup>th</sup> 1898.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Sarah E. Wright and Anna G. Wood, from Long Plain, Mary Hafford and Phoebe E. Macomber, two of whom were absent, one of them being detained by illness.

Our dear friend Mary Nichols, a Minister of the Gospel, attended this meeting, presenting a certificate of unity from Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Winchester Quarterly Meeting, Indiana. Her company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the men's meeting in furnishing her with a suitable returning minute, signed on our behalf.

The friends appointed as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting at Falmouth, report that they attended with two exceptions.

A communication from the Quarterly Meeting has been read at this time, and is here inserted, viz: \*

We appoint Mary C. Baylies, Esther D. Macomber and Susan S. Tripp to unite with the committee of new friends, in revising the list of Associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The business of the Meeting being finished, we conclude  
 Sarah E. Wright - Clerk -



8<sup>th</sup> mo 1898 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
8<sup>mo</sup>. 20<sup>th</sup> 1898.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Sarah Jane Taber and Abbie Wood; from Long Plain, Louisa H. Gerrish and Betsy B. Luce, two of whom were absent.

The following report from the Committee on Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight has been read and accepted, in concurrence with men friends - viz;

"New Bedford 7<sup>mo</sup> 28. 1898

To the Monthly Meeting:

The Committee on the appointment of Associate Members of Meeting on Ministry and Oversight recommend the following friends for that service.

Sophronia Leggett

Elaine A. Hartford

Phoebe D. Loomis

Ruth L. Smith

Alice R. Howland

Edmund Taber

Bessie J. Wing

Harriet L. Davis

Esther R. Pierce

Abbie Wood

Richard Davis

Mary C. Howland

Sarah R. Wing

Sarah J. Taber

George R. Wood

Sarah H. Taber

Mary J. Macomber

In behalf of the Committee

Signed { Edmund Taber

Mary C. Baylies

Friends are invited in the re-appointment of Bessie J. Wing and Mary J. Macomber as members of the Finance Committee for the ensuing year.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude

Sarah C. Wright - Clerk

9<sup>th</sup> mo 1898 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 9<sup>th</sup> mo. 22<sup>th</sup> 1898

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Mary C. Baylies and Ruth L. Smith; from Long Plain, Harriet L. Davis and Esther D. Macomber, who are present except one.

The queries have been read at this time and we trust prayerfully considered.

We appoint as our representatives to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting at Sandwich the following



friends, viz: - Esther D. Macomber, Cynthia A. Kirby,  
Anna S. Wood, Sarah Jewett, Phoebe B. Stocum and  
Adelaide V. Wilbur.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude.  
Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

10<sup>th</sup> mo 1898 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends  
held 10<sup>th</sup> mo 27<sup>th</sup> 1898

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting  
are Abbie Wood and Sarah W. Coggeshall, from Long Plain  
Esther R. Pierce and Mary S. Wood who are present.  
The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report  
that they attended, except one who was detained on  
account of illness in the family.

The business of the meeting being accomplished  
we conclude -

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

11<sup>th</sup> mo '98

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends  
held 11<sup>th</sup> mo 24<sup>th</sup> 1898.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative  
Meeting are Phoebe B. Stocum and Ruth S. Smith,  
from Long Plain, Mary Hoafford and Esther D.  
Macomber, only one of whom is present.

There being no further business to claim our  
attention we conclude.

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

12<sup>th</sup> mo 1898 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends  
held 12<sup>th</sup> mo. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1898.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting  
are Mary Ann Almy and Susan M. Seabury, from Long  
Plain, Ruth H. Miller and Mary S. Macomber - present  
except one.

We have once again listened to the reading of the  
queries, and are reminded of the added responsibility  
which this entails.

We appoint as our representatives to the ensuing  
Quarterly Meeting, the following friends, viz. Susan  
M. Seabury, Adelaide V. Wilbur, Susan S. Thompson,  
Cynthia A. Kirby and Mary Ann Almy.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude.

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.



1899  
1st mo

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends  
held March 1899.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Mtg.  
are Abbie Wood and Elizabeth C. M. Gifford, from  
Long Plain, Sophronia Leggett and Chloe C. Macomber  
who are present.

Request of  
Isabelle R Wood  
for membership

A request from Isabelle R. Wood for membership with  
our religious society has been referred to us from the  
Preparative Meeting - as follows -

"To New Bedford Monthly Meeting  
Having become convinced of the principles of the  
Society of Friends I believe it would be right to request  
to become a member of your religious Society

Sincerely your friend  
(signed) Isabelle R. Wood "

We therefore appoint Mary C. Baylies and Susan  
M. Seabury to visit her on this account and report  
to a future Meeting.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that  
they were all in attendance.

Overseers of  
Poor and  
Abraham Shear-  
man's Charitable  
Fund

This meeting decides in the appointment of the following  
friends as Overseers of the Poor viz; Susan S. Tripp, Ad-  
elaide V. Wilbur, Ruth L. Smith, Abbie Wood, Phebe B.  
Storrs, Sarah J. Taber, Mary G. Macomber, Mary  
S. Wood and Alice R. Howland, and in that of  
G. Wood, Rachel S. Howland, Phebe S. Howland,  
Ruth L. Smith, Elizabeth C. M. Gifford, Elizabeth T. Tripp,  
Susan M. Seabury and Susan S. Thompson to have charge  
of the disbursement of the Abraham Shearman's  
Charitable Fund.

The annual report of the Auditors who have examined  
the Treasurer's accounts, also the several Trust Funds  
held by this meeting, has been read and accepted,  
and we unite with our friend in the appointment  
of Albert W. Holmes as Treasurer of this Monthly Meeting.

The subject of united meetings has claimed our  
attention and after some expression of opinion it is  
decided to defer our decision for the present.

We have heard with sorrow of the illness of our  
beloved friend Rebecca L. Smiley; much sympathy  
for her has been expressed and we trust she may  
be sustained by Him who cares for his suffering  
children.

Susan S. Thompson is requested  
to convey them a message of love & prayerful remembrance.



1899 The business of the meeting being finished we conclude -  
 Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

2<sup>nd</sup> no. At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> no. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1899.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Mary E. Howland and Cynthia A. Kirby; from Long Plain, Adelaide V. Wilbur - present except one.

The clerk being absent, Bessie T. Wing is appointed clerk for the day.

Lusana T. Thompson reports that she attended to her appointment in regard to Rebecca H. Smiley.

The committee appointed to visit Isabelle P. Wood in regard to her request for membership in our Society have presented the following report viz:

"To the Monthly Meeting

Report of Com. The committee appointed to visit Isabel P. Wood on account of her request for membership in our religious Society report that they have attended to their appointment and are united in believing her to be convinced of the truth of the principles of Friends and that she has experienced true conversion to Christ.

We therefore recommend that she be received as a member of our Society.

(Signed) Mary E. Baglies  
 Lusana M. Leabury

Second month. Truly Kind. "

which being accepted by this and the men's meeting she is received into membership with us and Lusana T. Thompson is requested to inform her of the judgment of the Meeting.

The subject of United Meetings referred to this meeting for decision was again considered. It was proposed that the meeting next month be held in joint session and the subject of united meetings be considered at that time.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude.

(Signed) Bessie T. Wing  
 Clerk for the day.



3<sup>rd</sup> mo. 1899. At New Bedford Monthly Meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 23<sup>rd</sup> 1899. The meeting was held in joint session with Women Friends. Representatives to this meeting are from New Bedford Preparative Meeting, Benjamin H. Kirby, Edmund Taber, Elizabeth W. and Angelina Ricketson. From Long Plain, Arnold G. Tripp, Thomas A. Tripp, Mary G. Macomber, Esther D. Macomber who are present.

Reports have been received from the committees appointed last month to compile the statistics of membership and children of school age respectively - and the clerk is directed to forward this information to the Quarterly Meeting. The committee appointed to enquire into the use of spirituous liquors, have reported four cases among men ~~in~~ not clear in this particular, and this number will be incorporated in the answer to the fifth query.

Our Treasurer has been directed to pay our proportion of stock to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting.

The Queries were read with answers from our Preparative Meeting and summary answers prepared for the Quarterly Meeting, in unison with Women Friends.

We appoint William Thompson, Arnold G. Tripp, Edmund Taber, Joshua S. Macomber, William P. Macomber, N. H. Wilbur, Bessie J. Wing, Esther D. Macomber, Sarah D. Holmes, Mary A. White, Eliz<sup>th</sup> C. M. Gifford and Anna G. Wood as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting.

Request for Membership of Henry D. Pierce. John W. Pierce and his wife Esther R. Pierce, the former a non-member, having requested the right of membership in our Society for their minor son Henry D. Pierce, as appears by the following communication received through Long Plain Preparative Meeting, we appoint N. H. Wilbur and Anna G. Wood to visit them on this account and report to a future meeting.

Request for Certificate for Ruth S. Murray. Our dear Friend, Ruth S. Murray, a Minister in unity with us, who is now absent in another state, having informed us in a written communication that she felt a desire to attend California Yearly Meeting, and to perform such other service as may be called for, in the love of the Gospel, her concern was fully united with, and she was encouraged to proceed therein as the Lord may direct. The clerks are directed to furnish her with a copy



of this minute.

Second. Thompson reports that she attended to her appointment in regard to Isabelle R. Wood.

" To the Monthly Meeting

The committee appointed to examine the records, prepare an abstract of statistics, and for other purposes, present the following report

The changes in our Monthly Meeting from 3mo 1. 1898 to 3mo 1. 1899 are as follows -

Additions - by request - 2. viz Carolyn S. Jones Isabelle R. Wood.  
 " by birth 1 .. Ruth Murray Greene  
 " by removals into 0. Total additions 3 -  
 Losses by death 11 - viz Anna Maria Carle, Elyza B. Swift, James H. Almy, Charles R. Tripp, Ira H. Gerrish, Catherine Austin, Robt J. Almy, Edward G. Dillingham, Patience Davis, William Hosier, Abbie E. Kelly  
 Total loss 11 showing a net loss of 8.

Whole number of members now on our records 284  
 (Signed) John B. Baylies, Arnold G. Tripp,  
 Joshua L. Macomber - Committee.  
 Children in the Monthly Meeting.

Between 4 & 12 -	35	} Signed for the Committee Joshua L. Macomber George R. Wood
.. 12 & 21	28	
Attending School	28	
Controlled by Fds.	10	
Latter between 12 & 21	5	

" To Long Plain Preparative Meeting.

We are desirous that our son, Henry D. Pierce, a minor, should become a member of our religious Society, if it should meet the approval of Friends.

Acushnet 3mo 1. '99. Signed { John W. Pierce  
 Esther H. Pierce "

" Dear Friends,

As I expect to be in California this summer, I feel a desire to attend that Yearly Meeting in the love of the Lord. If you unite in this, would you send me a certificate, embodying the same, and releasing me for such service as the Master may call for at my hands.

Yours in the love of the Gospel

(Signed) Ruth S. Murray

New York. 3mo 1. 1899.



The business of the meeting being finished we conclude  
 (Signed) Edward T. Tucker } Clerk -  
 Sarah E. Wright }

4 mo 1899. N. Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friend  
 held 4<sup>th</sup> mo. 27<sup>th</sup> 1899.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting  
 are Elizabeth Gifford and Mary S. Wood, from Long  
 Plain, Belle B. Luce and Harriet S. Davis, who are present.

The friends appointed as our representatives to  
 the Quarterly Meeting inform that they attended  
 with one exception occasioned by illness.

The time for which the clerks were appointed ex-  
 pires next month. Mary C. Baylies, Anna G. Wood  
 and Susan S. Tripp are requested to take the sub-  
 ject into consideration and report.

The following report has been received from the  
 committee appointed to visit John W. and Esther  
 R. Pierce who have requested membership in our  
 religious Society for their minor son Henry D.  
 We have listened with interest to this report and  
 are united with our friends in accepting him  
 as a member of our Society.

To the Monthly Meeting.  
 According to our appointment we have visited  
 John W. and Esther R. Pierce and their minor  
 son, Henry D., for whom they have requested mem-  
 bership in our religious Society.

We had a satisfactory interview, and were much  
 interested in the boy, who is a good, obedient child,  
 attends Meetings with his parents, and above all,  
 loves and prays to the dear Saviour. We commend  
 this request to the favorable notice of the meeting.

(Signed) Anna G. Wood } Com.  
 (Signed) N. Hervey Wilbur }

New Bedford 4 mo 28. 1899. "

The business of the meeting being finished  
 we conclude.

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk



5mo 1899 St. New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
5mo. 25<sup>th</sup> 1899.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Sarah Jane Laker and Mary C. Baylies, from Long Plain, Alice R. Howland and Mary Hafford, who are present except one, who was unable to attend.

Mary C. Baylies on behalf of the committee appointed to present the names of clerks for this meeting, proposes the reappointment of Sarah E. Wright for clerk, and Bessie T. Wing for assistant clerk, which being united with, they are appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year, or until another appointment.

The following friends have been named to unite with men friends in the revision of the list of Overseers, viz: Anna G. Wood, Susan S. Tripp, Harriet S. Davis and Mary Emma Howland.

The business of the meeting being accomplished we conclude

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk -

6mo 1899 St. New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
6<sup>th</sup> mo. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1899.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Hannah Howland and Cynthia A. Kirby; from Long Plain, Esther R. Pierce and Mary G. Macomber, who are present.

Our dear friends, John Wilhelm Rowntree and Alfred Neave Brayshaw have been with us today, presenting certificates from York Monthly Meeting, England.

Their company and gospel services have been very acceptable to us.

We have also the acceptable company of our friend Mary S. Limber of New York.

The committee on Overseers report as follows; viz.  
"New Bedford 5mo 25. 1899

To the Monthly Meeting -

The committee appointed to propose the names of Friends for the station of Overseers for the ensuing year, recommend the following friends for that service - John B. Baylies, Edward T. Tucker, John Wood, Benjamin H. Kirby, M. Hervey Wilbur, Thomas T. Hafford, Arnold G. Tripp, Joshua L. Macomber, Mary C. Baylies, Sarah E. Wright, Cynthia A. Kirby, Mary Hafford, Adelaide V. Wilbur, Petsy B. Luce, Mary S. Wood, and Esther D. Macomber.



On behalf of the Committee,

Signed { Edmund Laver  
Anna G. Wood "

This report being acceptable to us, we unite with our friends in the appointment of the above named friends to that service for the ensuing year.

The queries have been read and considered at this time.

We appoint, as our representatives to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting to be held at Falmouth, our friends Mary C. Baylies, Angeline Ricketson, Mary Hafford, Anna R. Holmes, Esther D. Macomber and Sarah E. Wright.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude.

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

7<sup>th</sup> mo. 1899. At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held Jano. 27. 1899.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Anna R. Holmes and Mary C. Baylies; from Long Plain, Harriet L. Davis and Susan S. Tripp, who are present except one -

Our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that they attended with one exception, occasioned by illness.

The following communication from the Quarterly Meeting has been read, viz;

"To New Bedford Monthly Meeting  
Dear Friends

It is concluded to raise five hundred and fifty dollars for the use of this Meeting for the ensuing year.

Your proportion is 69 per cent, or 379.<sup>50</sup>. You are directed to forward one half of the amount to our Treasurer, Geo. R. Wood, on or before 10 mo 1. 1899, and the balance, on or before 11 mo 1. 1900.

Your attention is called to Minute No 37 of the Yearly Meeting of 1899, relating to the "American Friends"

From the minutes of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Falmouth, Jano 13. 1899.  
(Signed) Edward T. Tucker, Clerk."



Asa Edward Helsey and Mary E. Macomber, having by a written declaration informed this meeting of their intention of marriage with each other, we appoint Mary E. Baylies and Anna G. Wood to make enquiries as to the cleanness of Mary E. Macomber to proceed in marriage, and report to our next meeting.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude.  
Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

8mo, 1899. At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 8mo. 24. 1899.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Mary A. White and Sarah Jane Taber; from Long Plains, Mary E. Macomber and Ruth H. Miller, who are present except one.

The time for which the Finance Committee was appointed having expired, we are united in the reappointment of Bessie T. Wing and Mary G. Macomber as members of that committee for the ensuing year.

The committee appointed to visit Mary E. Macomber report that they find nothing to prevent her proceeding in marriage with Asa Edward Helsey. The written consent of the parents of each have been produced and read. The parties are therefore liberated to solemnize their marriage according to the good order of our Society at an appointed meeting to be held in this house 9<sup>th</sup> mo. 21<sup>st</sup> at 12 o'clock. Our friends Sarah E. Wright and Phebe D. Slocum are appointed to unite with a similar committee of new friends to take the oversight thereof, and report to our next meeting.

We concur with new Friends in approving the action of the Overseers of this meeting, in executing and delivering an agreement to convey the Meeting House and lot on Centre Street at Nantucket to the Peoples Baptist Church, - a religious organization at that place, in consideration of a payment of five hundred dollars, the balance, namely, five hundred dollars, to be paid by them upon the delivery of a deed to that organization at a future time.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude -

Sarah E. Wright, Clerk -



4<sup>th</sup> mo. 1899. At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
7<sup>th</sup> mo. 28<sup>th</sup> 1899.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Mrs. C. Baylies and Abbie Wood; from Long Plain, Harriet S. Davis and Adelaide V. Wilbur, who are present except one.

The Committee appointed to have the oversight of the marriage of A. Edward Helsey and Mary E. Macomber reports that it was conducted in an orderly and satisfactory manner.

A communication has been read from Mary M. Helsey, desiring that her certificate be forwarded to Wintthrop Monthly Meeting Maine. We appoint Susan S. Thompson and Anna R. Howland to prepare the same and report to a future meeting.

The queries have been read and thoughtfully considered. We appoint as our representatives to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting at Sandwich, our friends Esther R. Pierce, Esther D. Macomber, Maria Jane Bates, Abbie Wood and Sarah D. Holmes.

The business of the meeting being accomplished we conclude.

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk -

10<sup>th</sup> mo 1899 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 10<sup>th</sup> mo. 26<sup>th</sup> 1899.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Alice Loker and Sarah W. Coggeshall; from Long Plain, Esther R. Pierce and Ruth H. Miller who are present except one.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that they attended with one exception.

This meeting is united in the appointment of Cynthia A. Kirby and Adelaide V. Wilbur to have charge of the disbursement of the Elizabeth Frances fund in connection with our friends.

Removal certificate for Mary M. Helsey.

A removal certificate on behalf of Mary Macomber Helsey has been read and approved in concurrence with our friends, and the clerks are directed to sign and forward it on our behalf.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude.

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk -



11 mo 1899 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
11 mo. 23.<sup>rd</sup> 1899

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Hannah Howland and Mary S. Wood; from Long Plain, Mary G. Macomber and Esther D. Macomber, who are present.

There being no further business to claim our attention we conclude.

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

12 mo 1899 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends held in joint-session 12 mo. 28.<sup>th</sup> 1899.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Anna R. Holmes and Hannah Miller; from Long Plain, Susan S. Tripp and Adelaide V. Wilbur, who are present.

Our dear friend Jesse McPherson, a minister of the Gospel, attended this meeting with a certificate of unity from Winthrop Monthly Meeting. His company and services have been acceptable to us, and the clerks are directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

We are informed by Winthrop Monthly Meeting that our Certificate of removal for Mary M. Helsey has been accepted.

The overseers of this meeting are hereby authorized to pay over to the Treasurer of New Bedford Preparative Meeting, such amount or amounts from the principal of the Elizabeth S. Wood fund, as may be required to complete the repairs upon the Meeting house in New Bedford, as it appears that the amount contributed by Friends of New Bedford Preparative Meeting is not sufficient for the purpose.

We are informed by the executor of the will of Eliz<sup>th</sup> S. Wood that the bequest is without conditions. The item reads as follows: - "To the Friends Meeting in New Bedford - Fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) -"

The queries were read and considered.

We have appointed John B. Baylies, Thomas S. Hafford, Arnold S. Tripp, Mary C. Baylies, Edmund Taber, Phebe B. Locum, H. Hervey Wilbur, Cynthia A. Kirby, Anna R. Holmes & Ruth L. Smith as representatives to the Quarterly Meeting.

(Signed) Edward T. Luckey } Clerks  
Sarah E. Wright }



1mo. 1900. At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends held in joint session 1<sup>st</sup> mo. 25<sup>th</sup> 1900.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Sarah Jane Taber and Isabelle R. Wood, from Long Plain, Alice R. Howland and Sophronia Leggett, who are present except one.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that all of their number attended.

The auditing Committee appointed at our last meeting have presented their report which is satisfactory to us. We unite in the appointment of Albert W. Holmes as Treasurer for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

We appoint Susan S. Lipp, Adelaide V. Wilbur, Ruth L. Smith, Abbie Wood, Sarah Jane Taber, Mary G. Macomber, Mary S. Wood and Alice R. Howland as Overseers of the Poor, and we further appoint Anna G. Wood Rachel S. Howland, Phebe T. Howland, Ruth L. Smith, Elizabeth C. M. Gifford, Elizabeth J. Price and Susan J. Thompson, (omitting the name of our late dear friend Susan M. Seabury) to unite with new Friends in the care and disbursement of the Abraham Shearman Jr Charitable Fund for the ensuing year.

We have received at this time a gift of one thousand dollars (\$1000.) from Mary B. Seabury and Helen H. Seabury, daughters of our late friend Susan M. Seabury, in accordance with the desire of their mother; the income from which to be appropriated for the benefit of New Bedford Particular Meeting. The amount is now on deposit in the New Bedford Institution for Savings in the name of the Overseers of New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends as Trustees, account No. 116896 - and the Overseers are directed to pay to the Treasurer of New Bedford Preparative Meeting the income arising therefrom. The Clerks are directed to suitably acknowledge to the donors our appreciation and grateful acceptance of the gift.

To the Overseers of the New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends

Enclosed please find Book No. 116896



1mo. 1900 on the New Bedford Institution for Savings for \$1000— a gift from Susan Seabury to the New Bedford Particular Meeting of Friends (Signed) Mary B. Seabury  
New Bedford (Signed) Helen H. Seabury. "

1mo. 24. 1900

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude  
(Signed) Edward J. Lucker }  
Sarah E. Wright } Clerks -

2<sup>nd</sup> mo 1900

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends held in joint session 2<sup>nd</sup> mo. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1900

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Mary Anne Almy and Anna R. Howland; from Long Plain, Esther R. Peirce and Harriet S. Davis, none of whom are present on account of the storm

We conclude to meet in joint session at our next monthly meeting.

(Signed) Edward J. Lucker }  
Sarah E. Wright } Clerks -

3<sup>rd</sup> mo. 1900

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends held in joint session 3<sup>rd</sup> mo. 22. 1900.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Elizabeth Lifford and Ruth L. Smith; from Long Plain, Esther D. Macomber and Adelaide W. Wilbur who are present.

A removal certificate from Frankford Monthly Meeting Philadelphia, on behalf of Mary S. Macomber was read and accepted at this time, and Susan L. Thompson is appointed to visit her on the account.

We unite with the proposition from Long Plain Preparative Meeting to hold the mid-week meeting at Mattapoisett at 7 o'clock P. M. instead of 11 o'clock A. M. on Fourth day as at present, except on that particular day when the preparative meeting is held there.

The following communication having been received from the Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight— has been duly considered, and after mature deliberation, we are united in approving our Friend Edmund Laker as an Elder.

The clerk is directed to send this information to



3mo. 1900 The Quarterly Meeting for its action

The queries, with answers from our Preparative Meeting were read at this time and a summary of the answers prepared and approved, which will be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, and we appoint as representatives to that meeting the following Friends: William P. Macomber, Arnold G. Tripp, Edmund Taber, George R. Wood, Bessie L. Wing, Adelaide V. Wilbur, Sarah D. Holmes and Mary G. Macomber.

The report of the committee appointed to examine the records, prepare an abstract of statistics and for other purposes, has been read.

"To the Monthly Meeting

At a Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in New Bedford 3mo. 16. 1900 for the Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth, Westport and New Bedford, a proposition was made to bring forward the name of Edmund Taber for the station of Elder, which being cordially united with was referred to New Bedford Monthly Meeting

(Signed) John B. Baylies, Clerk"

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude -

(Signed) Edward J. Tucker

Sarah E. Wright - Clerks.

4mo. 1900 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends held in joint-session 4mo. 26<sup>th</sup> 1900.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Sarah D. Holmes and Phebe D. Hocum, from Long Plain, Betsey B. Luce and Ruth H. Hilled, two of whom were absent.

Our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

The time for which the clerks were appointed having almost expired, Anna G. Wood and Esther D. Macomber are requested to consider the subject and report to our next meeting.

Herbert Huntingdon Long fellow, a non-member, and Mary Scattergood Macomber having by a written declaration informed this meeting of their intention of marriage with each other, we appoint Bessie L. Wing



and Sarah E. Wright to make enquiries as to the clearness of Mary S. Macomber to proceed in marriage, and report to our next meeting.

" To New Bedford Monthly Meeting.

With Divine permission and Friends' approbation we propose taking each other in marriage

(Signed) Mary Scattergood Macomber

(Signed) Herbert-Huntingdon Longfellow

4 mo. 14. 1900.

Herbert-Longfellow is not a Friend but we wish to be married according to the customs of Friends.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude.

(Signed) Edward T. Tucker

Sarah E. Wright & Clerks -

5 mo. 1900

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 5<sup>th</sup> mo. 24<sup>th</sup> 1900.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Sarah W. Coggeshall and Mary A. White; from Long Plain, Alice R. Howland and Adelaide V. Milbur who are present except one, who was detained by illness.

Esther D. Macomber, on behalf of the Committee to present the names of Clerks for this Meeting, proposes Sarah E. Wright for clerk and Bessie T. Wing for assistant clerk, which being united with, they are appointed for those services respectively, or until another appointment.

We appoint the following friends to unite with new Friends in the revision of the list of Overseers, viz: Susan S. Tripp, Anna G. Wood and Bessie T. Wing.

The Committee appointed to visit Mary S. Macomber, report that they find nothing to prevent her proceeding in marriage with Herbert H. Longfellow.

The written consent of the parents of each having been produced and read, the parties are liberated to solemnize their marriage according to the good order of our Society, at an appointed meeting to be held in his house on 4<sup>th</sup> day, 6<sup>th</sup> mo. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7<sup>th</sup> o'clock.

Our friends Susan T. Thompson and Sarah E. Wright are appointed to unite with a similar committee from the men's meeting to take the oversight thereof and report to a future meeting.



5 mo. 1900.

" To New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends  
I consent to the marriage of my daughter  
Mary Scattergood Macomber to Herbert Huntington  
Longfellow

(Signed) Nathaniel G. Macomber  
Westport 4 mo. 16. 1900. "

" To New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends  
We consent to the marriage of our son  
Herbert Huntington Longfellow to Mary Scattergood  
Macomber

(Signed) Daniel Longfellow

(Signed) Abby Ripley Longfellow

Gardner, Me. April 17. 1900 "

The business of the Meeting being accomplished  
we conclude -

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

6 mo. 1900 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends held  
in joint-session 6 mo. 28. 1900

Representatives to this meeting are, from New Bedford  
Hannah Howland and Abbie Wood; from Long Plain,  
Esther R. Pierce and Mary G. Macomber who are present.

The committee appointed to attend the marriage  
of Herbert H. Longfellow and Mary S. Macomber  
report that it was conducted in an orderly manner.

The Committee on Overseers are continued under  
appointment until our next meeting.

An application for membership into this religious  
Society, has been received from Alice C. Howland;  
we appoint Anna G. Wood and Elyth T. Price  
to visit her on the account, and report to a future  
meeting. \*

The queries have been read at this time.

We have appointed John D. Baylies, Benj. H.  
Kirby, Phoebe B. Stocum, Cynthia A. Kirby, Edmund  
Tabor, Mary C. Baylies, Adelaide S. Wilbur, N. Henry  
Wilbur, Elsie M. Hatford and Abbie Wood as  
our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting.

Our dear Friend, Ruth S. Murray returned  
at this time the minute granted to her in the  
third month 1899, to attend California Yearly  
Meeting and for other service as expressed therein  
and presented a returning minute from that



7mo.

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To New Bedford Monthly Meeting.

Dear Friends—

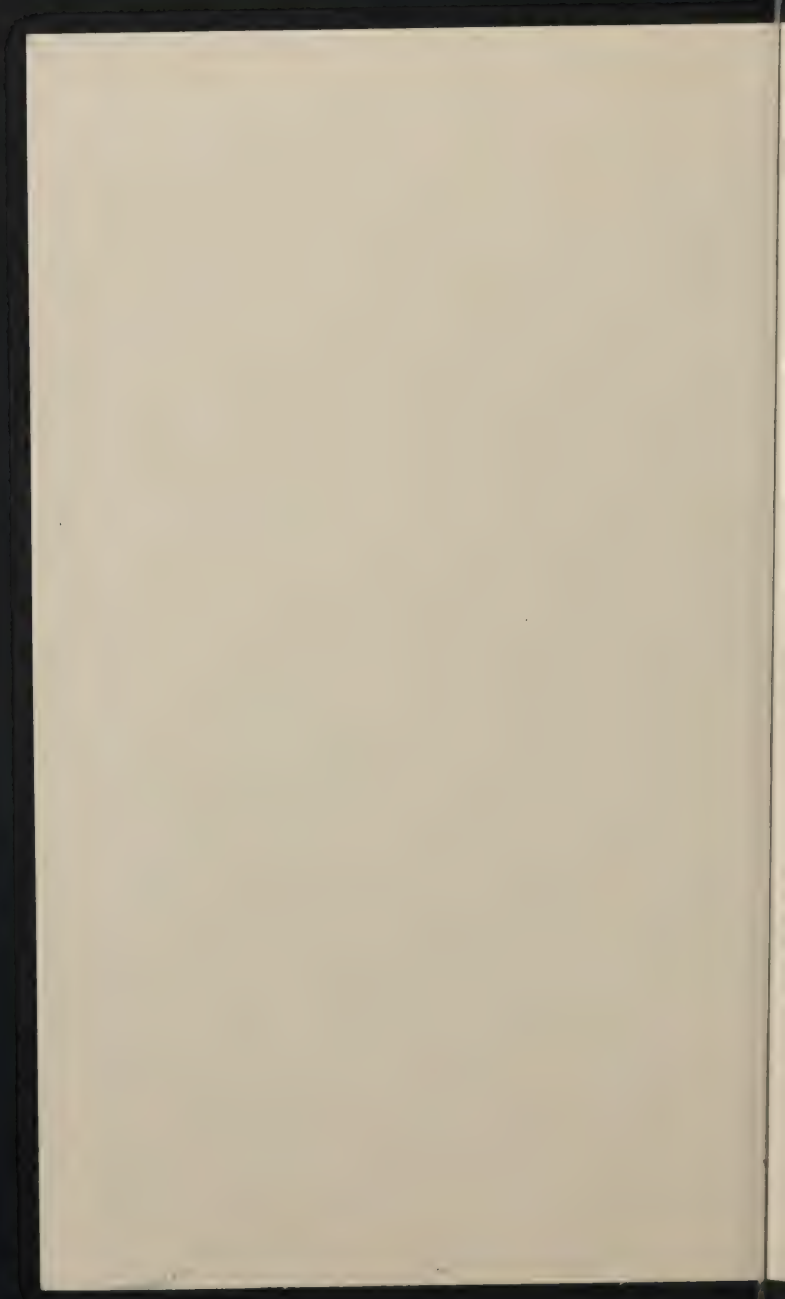
Being satisfied with  
the principles held by friends  
and desirous to join them, I  
ask you to admit me into mem-  
bership among you.

Respectfully

Eliza C. Howland

No. Dartmouth, Mass June 30<sup>th</sup> 40







Yearly Meeting held in the 6<sup>th</sup> mo. 1899. She also gave the Meeting a verbal account of her labors within their limits, which was interesting and satisfactory to us.

Our dear Friends, William and Susan S. Thompson, ministers in unity with us, laid before the meeting a prospect of general religious service within the limits of New England Yearly Meeting during the coming months - which has been duly considered and united with by the Meeting. The clerks are directed to furnish them with a copy of the foregoing minutes.

The business being finished we conclude -

(Signed) Edward S. Tucker -  
Sarah E. Wright - Clerks -

7mo. 1900 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held  
7mo. 26<sup>th</sup> 1900.

Representatives for this meeting are from New Bedford Sarah Jane Taber and Sarah R. Wing; from Long Plains, Adelaide V. Wilbur and Eloise A. Hafford who are present - except one -

Our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended.

A communication from the Quarterly Meeting has been read and recorded, viz: -

" To New Bedford Monthly Meeting -

Dear Friends -

It is concluded to raise six hundred dollars for the use of the Quarterly Meeting for the ensuing year.

Your Meeting is requested to forward your proportion of that amount - 69 percent, or ~~four~~ four hundred and fourteen dollars (\$414) to our Treasurer, George R. Wood, in two equal installments, the first on or before the first day of the ensuing tenth month - and the remainder not later than the first of the fourth month 1901.

From the minutes of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Falmouth, 7mo. 12. 1900 -

(Signed) Edward S. Tucker - Clerk -

This being the usual time to revise the list of Associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, we appoint Ruth S. Murray, Adelaide V. Wilbur and Esther D. Macomber to unite with the Committee of New Friends in taking the subject into consideration.

The following report has been received from the



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Friends appointed to visit Alice C. Howland viz:

"To the Monthly Meeting.

According to our appointment we have had an interview with Alice C. Howland on account of her request to become a member of our religious Society. In our conversation with her she said she had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour and Redeemer, and that she believed in the doctrines of the Gospel as professed by Friends.

Our interview was satisfactory, and we would commend her case to the favorable consideration of the Meeting.

(Signed) Anna G. Wood

(Signed) Elizabeth Lake Price "

New Bedford 7mo. 18<sup>th</sup> 1900.

The above request has been accepted by us, new Friends concurring therein, and Mary C. Baylies is requested to inform Alice C. Howland of the action of the Meeting.

The Committee on Overseers report as follows - viz: -

"New Bedford 7mo 4. 1900

To the Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed to propose the names of persons for Overseers report the following for that station

John B. Baylies

Mary C. Baylies

John Wood

Sarah E. Wright

Benjamin H. Kirby

Cynthia A. Kirby.

N. Hervey Wilbur

Adelaide V. Wilbur

Thomas F. Hafford

Betsy B. Luce

Arnold G. Tripp

Mary S. Wood

Joshua E. Macomber

Ethel D. Macomber.

In view of the opinion quite generally expressed in favor of a reduction of the number of Overseers, the Committee have omitted the name of Dr. E. T. Tucker at his own request, which with the vacancy caused by the death of our friend Mary Hafford, reduces the number of Overseers to fourteen, which we considered more appropriate to the size of the Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee

(Signed) Edmund Lake

(Signed) Anna G. Wood "

This report being satisfactory to us and approved by new Friends, the above named Friends are appointed to the station of Overseers for the ensuing year.

Charles A. Macomber, a non-member, and Alice C. Howland having by a written declaration informed us of their intention of marriage with each other, we appoint Mary C. Baylies and Eliza



J. Price to make the necessary inquiries as to the clearness of Alice C. Howland to proceed in marriage and report to a future meeting.  
 \* On account of unfinished business this meeting adjourns until this day next 8mo 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

\* "Is the New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends,  
 with divine permission and Friends' assent  
 we intend marriage with each other."

(Signed) Alice C. Howland

(Signed) Charles A. Macomber

So. Dartmouth, Mass. July 25-1900 "

8mo 1900

Adjourned Monthly Meeting of Women Friends  
 held 8mo. 2. 1900.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting  
 are Sarah Jane Taber and Sarah R. Wing; from Long Plain,  
 Adelaide V. Wilbur and Eloise A. Hafford, present except two.

In order to comply with the discipline this meeting  
 adjourns to meet 8<sup>th</sup> mo. 9<sup>th</sup> at the close of the meeting for  
 worship.

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk

8mo 1900

New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends met  
 by adjournment 8mo. 9<sup>th</sup> 1900

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative meeting  
 are Sarah Jane Taber and Sarah R. Wing; from Long Plain,  
 Adelaide V. Wilbur and Eloise A. Hafford, one of whom is  
 present. We are informed that the absence of one is caused  
 by indisposition.

The Friends who visited Alice C. Howland report that they  
 find nothing to prevent her proceeding in marriage with  
 Charles A. Macomber. The written consent of surviving  
 parents of each having been produced and read, the  
 parties are liberated to solemnize their marriage ac-  
 cording to the good order of our Society, at an appointed  
 meeting to be held at the residence of Arthur Howland,  
 South Dartmouth, on 6<sup>th</sup> day 8<sup>th</sup> mo. 10<sup>th</sup> at 3.30 o'clock.

We appoint Mary C. Baylies and Eliz<sup>d</sup> J. Price to  
 unite with new Friends in taking the oversight thereof  
 and report to a future meeting.

" South Dartmouth 7mo. 30<sup>th</sup> 1900.

To New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends -  
 We consent to the marriage of our  
 daughter, Alice C. Howland to Charles A.



Macomber.

(Signed) Arthur Howland

(Signed) Mary E. Howland "

"To New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends

I consent to the marriage of my son  
Charles A. Macomber to Alice C. Howland

(Signed) Sylvia R. Macomber

Nov. 6. 1900. "

The business of the meeting being accomplished  
we conclude.

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk

Nov. 1900

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends  
held Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 1900.

Representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting  
are Bessie J. Wing and Ruth L. Smith; from Long  
Plain, Ruth L. Hiller and Chloe E. Macomber, who are  
present except one.

The Committee on Associate Members of the Meeting  
on Ministry and Oversight report as follows, viz;

"New Bedford Nov 26. 1900

To the Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed to propose the names  
of Friends as Associate Members of the Meeting for  
Ministry and Oversight report the following persons  
for that service,

Lophronia Geggatt  
Phebe B. Slocum  
Alice R. Howland  
Bessie J. Wing  
Esther R. Pierce  
Richard Davis  
Sarah R. Wing  
Geo. R. Wood  
Eloise A. Hafford

Ruth L. Smith  
Harriet - S. Davis  
Abbie Wood  
Mary E. Howland  
Sarah Jane Taber  
Sarah H. Taber  
Mary G. Macomber  
Charles R. Price  
Elizabeth J. Price

On behalf of the Committee

(Signed) Edmund Taber

(Signed) Ruth L. Murray "

This report has been accepted by men and women  
Friends

We are united in the reappointment of  
Bessie J. Wing and Mary G. Macomber as  
members of the Finance Committee for the  
ensuing year



The Committee appointed to attend the marriage of Charles A. Macomber and Alice C. Howland report that it was conducted in an orderly and satisfactory manner.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude.  
Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

9mo 1900 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends held in joint session 9<sup>th</sup> mo. 27<sup>th</sup> 1900

Representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Eliza C. M. Gifford and Lizzie Wood, from Long Plain, Susan S. Tripp and Harriet S. Davis, who are present.

The queries have been read and considered, we appoint as our representatives to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting at Sandwich, our friends Edmund Taber, H. Harvey Wilbur, Richard Davis, Esther R. Pierce, Eliza C. M. Gifford, Cynthia A. Thibby, Harriet S. Davis, and John B. Baylies.

Our dear friends William and Susan T. Thompson presented at this time returning minutes from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting held 9mo. 8<sup>th</sup> and from Vassalboro Quarterly, and Vassalboro Monthly Meetings, the former held on the 15<sup>th</sup> and the latter on the 18<sup>th</sup> of the present month, which have been interesting and satisfactory to us.

The business of the Meeting being finished we conclude

(Signed) Edmund T. Tucker

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk -

10mo 1900

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 10mo. 25. 1900.

Representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Mary E. Smith and Sarah D. Holmes, from Long Plain, Esther R. Pierce and Anna E. Davis, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended with one exception, for which a suitable reason has been assigned.

A returning minute on behalf of our friends William and Susan T. Thompson has been received at this time from China, Me. Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 9mo 19<sup>th</sup> 1900, which is satisfactory to us.

Legacy from Abram Shearman. An item from the will of Abram Shearman of New Bedford, lately deceased, has been received, and we unite with our Friends in accepting the legacy of one thousand dollars (\$1000) therein mentioned, the



appropriated for the use of Friends' Bible School, held in New Bedford. The Overseers are directed to invest said amount and pay over the income, or such amounts of the principal as may be called for from time to time, to the Treasurer of the Friends' Bible School at New Bedford.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude.

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk

11 mo 1900

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in joint session 11 mo. 22. 1900.

Representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Anna R. Holmes and Mary Ann Almy; from Long Plain, Esther D. Macomber and Elsie A. Hafford, who are present.

Annie M. Ray.

Our dear friend, Annie M. Ray, a minister of the Gospel, attended this meeting with a certificate of unity from China, Me. Monthly Meeting. Her company and Gospel services have been acceptable to us and the Clerks are directed to furnish her with a returning minute signed on our behalf.

Our dear friends, William and Susan T. Thompson presented a returning minute from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, held on the 1<sup>st</sup> instant, which is satisfactory to us.

The business being finished we conclude

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk

12 mo. 1900

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in joint session 12 mo. 27. 1900.

Our representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Abbie Wood and Mary Emma Howland; from Long Plain, Ruth H. Hiller and Adelaide V. Wilbur, who are present except one.

Concern of  
W. P. Macom-  
ber to visit  
N. Y. Y. M. I.

Our dear friend, William P. Macomber, a minister in unity with us, laid before this Meeting a prospect, which has rested for some time upon his mind, of attending some of the Quarterly Meetings, and other meetings composing them, within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting, and performing such other service in that Yearly Meeting, as may be called for.

After due consideration



his concern was fully united with, and he was encouraged to proceed therein, under the guidance of his Divine Master. The clerks are directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our dear Friend, Esther D. Macomber having expressed a desire to accompany her husband, William P. Macomber, in his religious visit within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting, her concern was fully united with at this time, and the clerks are directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

The queries have been read and considered. We have appointed Edmund Taber, Joshua L. Macomber, W. Hervey Wilbur, John B. Baylies, Susan J. Thompson, Anna R. Holmes, Eliza A. Gifford and Adelaide V. Wilbur as our representatives to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting.

The business of the Meeting being finished we conclude

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

Nov. 1901 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in joint session Nov. 24, 1901

Representatives from New Bedford Preparative Mtg. are Anna R. Holmes and Mary S. Wood; from Long Plain, Mary G. Macomber and Alice W. Howland, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that all of their number attended.

The auditing Committee has presented its report which is satisfactory to us, and we unite with our Friends in the appointment of Albert W. Holmes as Treasurer of the Monthly Meeting for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

Overseers of Poor - The names of the Overseers of the Poor having been read, we unite in the reappointment of that service of Susan S. Tripp, Adelaide V. Wilbur, Ruth L. Smith, Abbie Wood, Sarah J. Taber, Mary G. Macomber, Mary S. Wood and Alice R. Howland; and we furthermore unite in the reappointment of Anna G. Wood, Rachel S. Howland, Phoebe T. Howland, Ruth L. Smith, Eliza C. M. Gifford, Eliza T. Price and Susan J. Thompson, to take charge of the disbursement of the Abraham Shearman



for Charitable Fund for the ensuing year.  
The business being accomplished we conclude.  
Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

2nd mo 1901

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends  
held in joint-session 2<sup>nd</sup> mo. 28<sup>th</sup> 1901.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Elizabeth W. Taber and Phebe B. Slocum; from Long Plain, Esther R. Pierce and Sophronia Geggatt, who are present except one.

This Monthly Meeting in the 2<sup>th</sup> month 1897, having approved the action of the Overseers in executing and delivering an agreement to convey the Meeting house and lot on Center Street, Nantucket, to the Peoples' Baptist Church of that town, which property was formerly occupied by Nantucket Monthly Meeting of Friends, and was transferred to this Meeting in the first month 1867, do now determine to sell and convey the same to the above named Peoples' Baptist Church of Nantucket for the sum of one thousand dollars, five hundred dollars of this amount having been paid on the delivery of the agreement above mentioned. And the Overseers are directed to sign a deed of said premises for and on behalf of this Meeting, including covenants of warranty, which shall bind this Meeting, but shall not bind the Overseers individually and upon payment of said sum, to deliver the same to the said Peoples' Baptist Church.

Sarah Smith Hall, a member of this Meeting residing in Roxbury, having requested a removal certificate to Boston Monthly Meeting, we appoint Mary C. Baylies and Sarah J. Taber to make the usual inquiries and prepare a certificate, if way opens therefor, and present it to our next Monthly Meeting.

A request for membership with this religious Society having been received from Eunice L. Morse, we appoint Phebe B. Slocum and Adelaide V. Wilbur a committee to take the necessary care in the case and report to a future meeting.

To New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends  
Dear Friends - Having long believed in the



religious principles which I think are professed by Friends.  
I now deem it my duty to express my desire to become a mem-  
ber of your society. If found worthy

(Signed) Eunice F. Morse.

Fairhaven 2<sup>nd</sup> mo. 20<sup>th</sup> 1901

The business of the meeting being finished we  
conclude

Abbie Wood Clerk for the day.

3mo 1901

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends  
held in joint-session 3mo. 28. 1901

The representatives ~~from~~ New Bedford Preparative  
Meeting are Mary A. White and Sarah D. Holmes;  
from Long Plain, Mary S. Wood and Harriet S. Davis  
who are present.

We approve in forwarding a removal certificate on  
behalf of Sarah Smith Hall to Boston Monthly  
Meeting, and the Clerks are directed to sign it on  
our behalf.

The committees appointed to compile the statistics of  
membership and of children of school age, have in  
each instance, presented reports, and the information  
contained therein is to be sent to the Quarterly Meeting.

The queries and answers from our Preparative Meeting  
have been read and a summary approved for the  
Quarterly Meeting, and we appoint the following Friends  
as our representatives to that meeting, viz; Edmund  
Laver, Joshua L. Macomber, Richard Davis, Harriet  
S. Davis, Sarah E. Wright, Abbie Wood, Cynthia A  
Kirby, John B. Baylies, John Wood and Hannah How-  
land.

" The changes in our Monthly Meeting from 3mo 1.  
1900 to 3mo 1. 1901 are as follows

Admissions

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viz. Alice C. Howland by request

Mary S. Macomber by removal into  
Losses

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viz. Phebe S. Howland by death.

Leaving whole number of members 277

(signed) John B. Baylies

(signed) Arnold G. Tripp

(signed) Joshua L. Macomber

} Com.

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3mo 1901

## "To the Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed to prepare statistics of children present the following report.

No of children between 4 and 12. 10

No of children between 12 and 21 11

No attending school 18

No bet'.. .. taught or controlled by Friends 3

No between 12 and 21 attending school taught or controlled by Friends 3

No attending college. None

New Bedford 3mo. 28<sup>th</sup> 1901

For the Com. (Signed) John Wood

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude -

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

4mo 1901

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in joint session 4mo 25, 1901

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Anna G. Wood and Anna P. Howland, from Long Plain, Esther D. Macomber and Betsy B. Luce, who are present except one.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The Committee appointed to visit Eunice F. Morse on account of her application for membership with this religious Society is continued in that service with the addition of Susan J. Thompson.

The business of the Meeting being accomplished we conclude.

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

5mo. 1901

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in joint session 5mo. 23. 1901

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Catherine Howland and Susan J. Thompson; from Long Plain, Sophronia Giggatt and Susan S. Tripp, who are present except one.

The following Friends are appointed to unite with men Friends in proposing the names of Overseers viz: Anna G. Wood, Mary C. Baylies, Esther D. Macomber & Ruth S. Murray.



We are informed by Boston Monthly Meeting that they have accepted our removal certificate on behalf of Sarah Smith Hall.

The Committee appointed to visit Eunice F. Morse report as follows, viz:

"To the Monthly Meeting

Agreeably to our appointment we have seen Eunice F. Morse. We believe that she is a follower of Christ and attached to the doctrines and principles of the Society of Friends, and we recommend that she be accepted as a member among us.

(Signed) Phebe B. Slocum

(Signed) Adelaide V. Wilbur

(Signed) Susan T. Thompson

5 mo. 7. 1901

This report being acceptable to us, we unite in receiving her as a member of this religious Society - new Friends. Concurring hereto and we appoint Esther D. Macomber to inform her of the action of the Meeting.

A returning minute from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held 5 mo 9. 1901 for our Friend William Thompson was received and read at this time.

The business being accomplished we conclude  
Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

6 mo 1901. At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in joint session 6 mo. 27. 1901.

The representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Sarah W. Coggeshall and Ruth L. Smith; from Long Plains, Adelaide V. Wilbur and Esther D. Macomber, who are present except one.

Overseers The Committee appointed last month to present names of Overseers have recommended the following, and we appoint them to that service for the ensuing year or until another appointment, namely - John B. Baylies, Benj. H. Kirby, John Wood, George R. Wood, Arnold G. Tripp, N. Hervey Wilbur, Joshua L. Macomber, Mary C. Baylies Cynthia A. Kirby, Mary T. Wood, Eliza J. Price, Esther D. Macomber, Adelaide V. Wilbur, Betsey B. Luce and Harriet S. Davis.

We appoint Abbie Wood, Anna R. Howland, George R. Wood, Anna E. Davis, Thomas A. Tripp, Sarah D. Holmes, Esther R. Pierce, Sarah E. Wright and Susan T. Thompson, as a Committee to correspond with our scattered and isolated members



6 mo. 1901

and to extend such encouragement and sympathy as they may feel called upon to offer.

The queries have been read at this time and we have appointed Arnold G. Tripp, Sophronia Eggatt, Edmund Taber, Joshua L. Macomber, Richard Davis, Esther D. Macomber, Mary C. Baylies and Sarah H. Taber as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting.

Esther D. Macomber reports that she has attended to her appointment in the case of Eunice F. Morse.

Owing to the continued illness of our friend Bessie J. Wing, we are united in appointing Sarah D. Holmes as a member of the Finance Committee for the remainder of the year.

"The committee appointed to nominate names of Friends as Overseers, propose the following

John B. Baylies

Benj. W. Kirby

John Wood

George R. Wood

Arnold G. Tripp

N. Henry Wilbur

Joshua L. Macomber

Mary C. Baylies

Cynthia A. Kirby

Mary S. Wood

Elizabeth Price

Esther D. Macomber

Adelaide V. Wilbur

Betsy B. Luce

Harriet L. Davis

New Bedford 6 mo. 27. 1901

On behalf of the Committee

(Signed) William Thompson

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk

7 mo. 1901

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in joint session 7 mo 25. 1901

Our representatives from New Bedford Preparative Meeting are Catherine Howland and Abbie Woods; from Long Plains, Esther R. Pierce and Mary S. Wood who are present.

Stock.

We are informed by the accompanying communication from the Quarterly Meeting, that it is concluded to raise six hundred dollars for that Meeting, the ensuing year, and we are directed to pay our quota 69 percent \$414 to their Treasurers as heretofore, in two installments



7mo 1901 - one half by 10mo. 1<sup>st</sup> of this year and the remainder by 4mo 1. 1902.

We are informed that the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight will be held in the seventh and tenth months at 10 A.M. on the same day as the Quarterly Meeting.

Adoption  
of New  
Discipline

We are further informed that the New Uniform Discipline which has been under consideration in our own and other Yearly Meetings has been adopted by and is now operative in New England Yearly Meeting and its subordinate meetings when duly notified, and we are directed to conform to its provisions at the present session, and from this time onward.

Long Plain  
Preparative  
Mtg.

This Meeting unites in continuing the organization heretofore known as "Long Plain Preparative Meeting"; meetings for worship to be omitted on those days at the places other than the one at which this particular Meeting is held.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended with one exception.

We have received the printed minutes of the Yearly Meeting, also our proportion of the London General Epistle of 1901 and other pamphlets, and appoint William P. Macomber, Joshua L. Macomber, H. Hervey Wilbur, Richard Davis, John B. Baylies and George R. Wood to distribute them.

" To New Bedford Monthly Meeting  
Dear Friends — It is concluded to raise six hundred dollars for the use of this Meeting for the ensuing year. Your proportion is 69 per cent, or four hundred and fourteen dollars. You are directed to pay this amount as heretofore in two instalments — one half by 10mo. 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, and the remainder not later than 4mo. 1. 1902.

The Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight will be held hereafter in the 7.<sup>th</sup> and 10.<sup>th</sup> months, at 10 o'clock on the same day as the Quarterly Meeting.

The new uniform Discipline having been adopted by New England Yearly Meeting, its provisions are now operative in all subordinate meetings, and your attention is herewith called to Minutes No. 43 & 44 of said Yearly Meeting in this connection.

From the minutes of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Falmouth 7mo. 11. 1901

(Signed) Edward J. Tucker - Clerk "



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The business of the Meeting being finished we conclude.  
Sarah E. Wright - Clerk

8 mo. 1901

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in joint session 8 mo. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1901.

Preparative Meetings having been discontinued under the new discipline, no representatives to this Meeting will appear on and after this date.

We appoint Sarah D. Holmes, Anna R. Howland, Adelaide V. Milbur, Thomas A. Tripp, Nathl. Gifford, Anna E. Davis, Joshua L. Macomber and John B. Baylis as members of the Finance Committee for the ensuing year.

The business of the Meeting being accomplished we conclude.

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk

9 mo. 1901

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in joint session 9 mo. 26<sup>th</sup> 1901.

The queries under the new discipline, have been read and considered.

We appoint William Thompson, Joshua L. Macomber, Cynthia A. Kirby, Susan T. Thompson, Abneria Leggett, Benjamin C. Kirby, Anna E. Tripp and Mary S. Macomber as our representatives to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting at Sandwich.

The local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight which composes the Pastoral Committee of this Meeting are directed to meet for the first time at 10 o'clock on the day of our next month's Meeting.

Our dear Friends William and Susan T. Thompson returned at this time the minutes granted them in 6 mo. 1900 for religious service within the limits of our Yearly Meeting.

The business of the Meeting being accomplished we conclude.

Sarah E. Wright - Clerk.

10 mo. 1901

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in joint session 10 mo. 24. 1901.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended with one exception.

In accordance with Chap. 7. Paragraph 1 of the new discipline we appoint Adelaide V.



Wilbur, Anna R. Howland and Arnold J. Tripp to cooperate with the committee of the meeting of Ministry and Oversight on the subject of Elders, and present the names of such as they deem qualified for that station to our next Monthly Meeting, and they are also directed to present the names of suitable friends to be associated with the Pastoral Committee in accordance with Sec. 9. Chap. V.

It is concluded that this ~~Monthly~~ Meeting shall be held hereafter as a united meeting for business, and we appoint Edmund Tabor, Benjamin C. Kirby, Adeline V. Wilbur and Anna R. Holmes to present to our next meeting the names of a Clerk and assistant Clerk.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude  
 Sarah C. Wright Clerk



















